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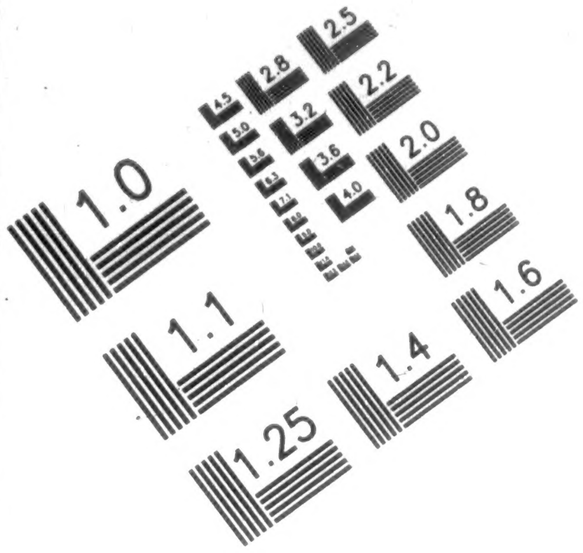
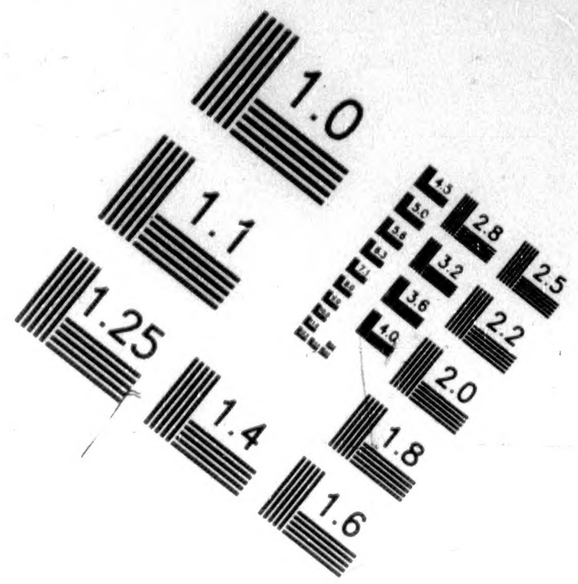
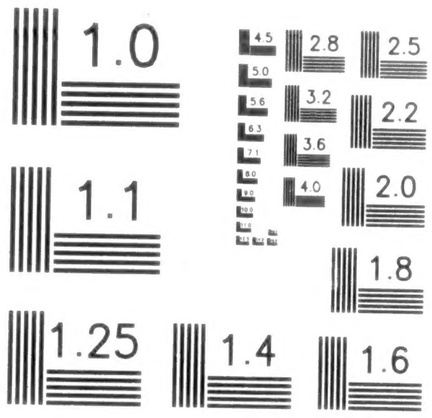
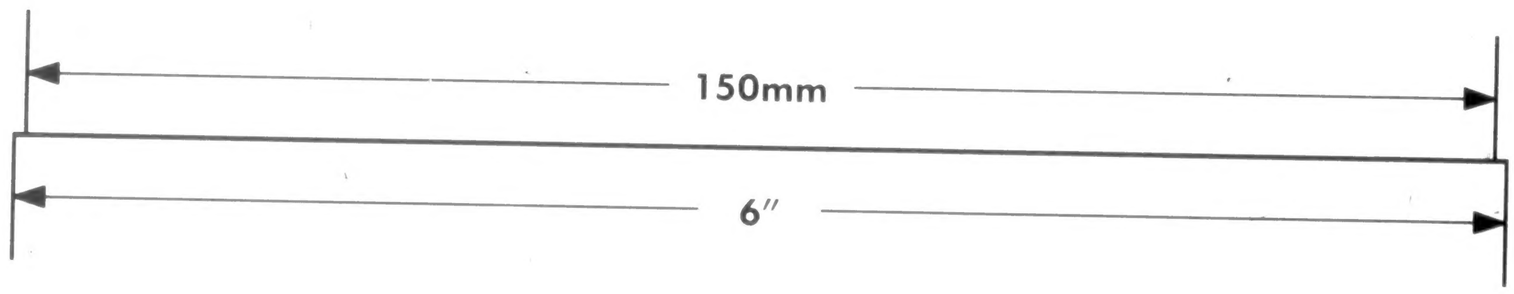
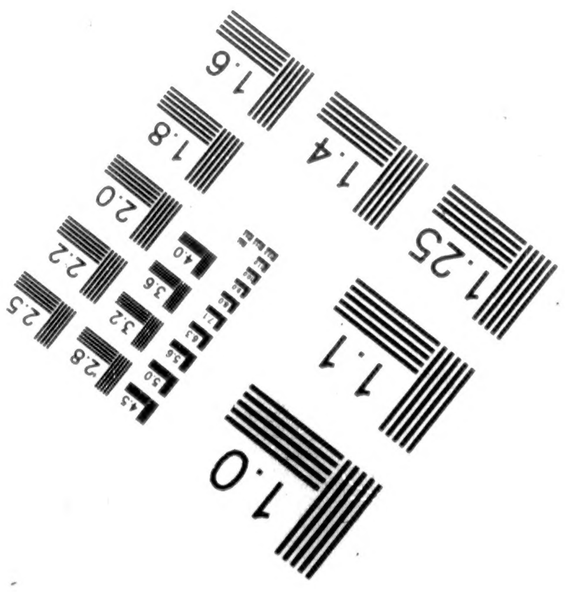


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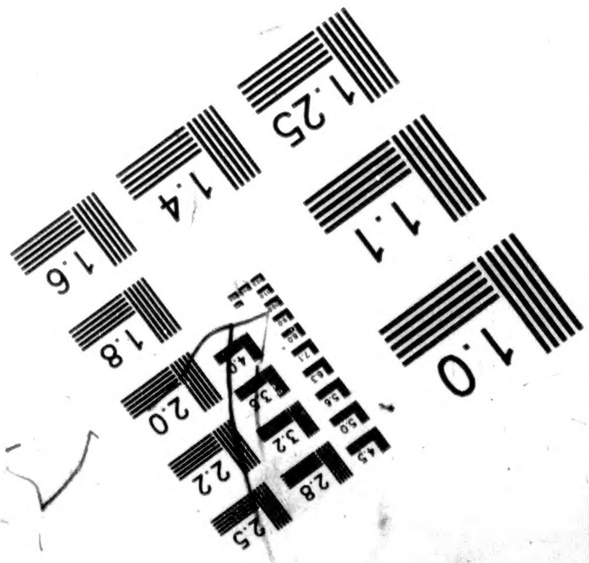






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INTRODUCTION

On the 23 rolls of this microfilm publication, M1901, are reproduced the records of the Arkansas field offices of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1872. These records consist of bound volumes and unbound records, containing materials that include letters and endorsements sent and received, monthly reports, applications of freedmen for rations, and other records relating to freedmen's claims and homesteads. These records are part of the Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Record Group (RG) 105, in the holdings of the National Archives of the United States.

This film series completes the reproduction of all Bureau records created in Arkansas between 1865 and 1872. Many of these records were reproduced in 1975 in National Archives Microfilm Publications M979, *Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Arkansas, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1869*, and M980, *Records of the Superintendent of Education for the State of Arkansas, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1871*.

History and Organization

The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, also known as the Freedmen's Bureau, was established in the War Department by an act of Congress on March 3, 1865 (13 Stat. 507). The life of the Bureau was extended twice by acts of July 16, 1866 (14 Stat. 173), and July 6, 1868 (15 Stat. 83). The Bureau was responsible for the supervision and management of all matters relating to refugees and freedmen, and of lands abandoned or seized during the Civil War. In May 1865, President Andrew Johnson appointed Maj. Gen. Oliver Otis Howard as Commissioner of the Bureau, and Howard served in that position until June 30, 1872, when activities of the Bureau were terminated in accordance with an act of June 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 366). While a major part of the Bureau's early activities involved the supervision of abandoned and confiscated property, its mission was to provide relief and help freedmen become self-sufficient. Bureau officials issued rations and clothing, operated hospitals and refugee camps, and supervised labor contracts. In addition, the Bureau managed apprenticeship disputes and complaints, assisted benevolent societies in the establishment of schools, helped freedmen in legalizing marriages entered into during slavery, and provided transportation to refugees and freedmen who were attempting to reunite with their family or relocate to other parts of the country. The Bureau also helped black soldiers, sailors, and their heirs collect bounty claims, pensions, and back pay.

The act of March 3, 1865, authorized the appointment of Assistant Commissioners to aid the Commissioner in supervising the work of the Bureau in the former Confederate states, the border states, and the District of Columbia. The Bureau's

operations began in Arkansas in May 1865, when Brig. Gen. John W. Sprague took command as Assistant Commissioner. By order of Commissioner Howard in Circular No. 5, dated May 30, 1865, he established headquarters at St. Louis, MO, the next month. Bvt. Maj. Gen. Edward O. C. Ord relieved Sprague in October 1866 and was succeeded by Bvt. Maj. Gen. Charles H. Smith in March 1867.

When Sprague arrived in St. Louis, his jurisdiction encompassed areas outside Arkansas, including Missouri, Indian Territory, parts of Kansas (around Fort Leavenworth and Fort Scott), and Illinois (around Quincy and Cairo). By September 1865, Commissioner Howard felt that the laws of Missouri afforded enough protection to freedmen for the Bureau's activities to cease there. On October 16, 1865, Sprague received orders from Commissioner Howard to transfer headquarters from St. Louis to Little Rock, Arkansas, and operations of the Bureau were by-in-large withdrawn from Missouri. However, in April 1867 Frederick. A. Seely was assigned as a disbursing officer for Missouri with headquarters at St. Louis, a position he held until February 1872. Although much of Seely's work related to the processing and payment of claims, he was also in charge of freedmen's affairs in Missouri. The headquarters remained in Little Rock until the Bureau's activities were terminated.

While the work performed by Assistant Commissioners in each state was similar, the organizational structure of staff officers varied from state to state. At various times, the staff could consist of a superintendent of education, an assistant adjutant general, an assistant inspector general, a disbursing officer, a chief medical officer, a chief quartermaster, and a commissary of subsistence. Subordinate to these officers were the assistant superintendents, or subassistant commissioners as they later became known, who commanded the subdistricts. The major subordinate field offices for the Bureau at Arkansas, for example, included those with headquarters at Arkadelphia, Augusta, Batesville, Camden, Lewisburg, Devall's Bluff, Fort Smith, Hamburg, Hampton, Helena, Jacksonport, Lake Village and Luna Landing, Lewisville, Little Rock, Madison, Magnolia, Marion, Monticello, Napoleon, Osceola, Ozark, Paraclifta, Pine Bluff, Princeton, South Bend, Union, and Washington. Under the direct supervision of the subassistant commissioners were the civilian and military agents. Occasionally, the Bureau retained military officers in a civilian capacity after the termination of their military service. For a list of known Arkansas subordinate field office personnel and their dates of service, see the Appendix.

The Assistant Commissioner corresponded extensively with both his superior in the Washington Bureau headquarters and his subordinate officers in the subdistricts. Based upon reports submitted to him by the subassistant commissioners and other subordinate staff officers, he prepared reports that he sent to the Commissioner concerning Bureau activities in areas under his jurisdiction. The Assistant Commissioner also received letters from freedmen, local white citizens, state officials, and other non-Bureau personnel. These letters varied in nature from complaints to applications for jobs in the Bureau. Because the assistant adjutant general handled much of the mail for the Assistant Commissioner's office, it was often addressed to him instead of to the Assistant Commissioner.

In a circular issued by Commissioner Howard in July 1865, the Assistant Commissioners were instructed to designate one officer in each state to serve as "general Superintendents of Schools." These officials were to "take cognizance of all that is being done to educate refugees and freedmen, secure proper protection to schools and teachers, promote method and efficiency, correspond with the benevolent agencies which are supplying his field, and aid the Assistant Commissioner in making his required reports." In October 1865, a degree of centralized control was established over Bureau educational activities in the states when Rev. John W. Alvord was appointed Inspector of Finances and Schools. In January 1867, Alvord was divested of his financial responsibilities, and he was appointed General Superintendent of Education.

An act of Congress, approved July 25, 1868 (15 Stat. 193), ordered that the Commissioner of the Bureau "shall, on the first day of January next, cause the said bureau to be withdrawn from the several States within which said bureau has acted and its operation shall be discontinued." Consequently, in early 1869, with the exception of the superintendents of education and the claims agents, the Assistant Commissioners and their subordinate officers were withdrawn from the states.

For the next year and a half the Bureau continued to pursue its education work and to process claims. In the summer of 1870, the superintendents of education were withdrawn from the states, and the headquarters staff was greatly reduced. From that time until the Bureau was abolished by an act of Congress approved June 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 366), effective June 30, 1872, the Bureau's functions related almost exclusively to the disposition of claims. The Bureau's records and remaining functions were then transferred to the Freedmen's Branch in the office of the Adjutant General. The records of this branch are among the Bureau's files.

Constrained by limited resources, Southern opposition, and the politics of Reconstruction, the Bureau faced an enormous challenge in its efforts to assist the freedmen and refugees. Its relief efforts, without question, saved thousands of southerners from starvation. Its attempts to assist freedmen to become self-sufficient, to provide public education, administer justice, and, to a lesser degree, to provide land, all worked with varying degrees of success to lessen the difficulties during the transition from slavery to freedom. One of the Bureau's greatest legacies is the body of records it created and received during the course of its operations. These records are arguably some of the most important documents available for the study of the Federal Government's policies, efforts to reconstruct the South, and Southern social history and genealogy.

The Freedmen's Bureau in Arkansas

The major activities of the Freedmen's Bureau in Arkansas and Missouri generally resembled those conducted in other states. The Bureau issued rations to both freedmen and white refugees, supervised labor contracts between planters and

freedmen, administered justice, worked with benevolent societies in the establishment of schools, and assisted freedmen in locating land.

To prevent widespread starvation and destitution in Arkansas and Missouri, the Freedmen's Bureau issued some 1,705,055 rations to both blacks and whites from June 1865 to September 1866. In May 1865, prior to the Bureau's relief efforts in the Arkansas district, the Federal Government had issued 75,097 rations to refugees and 46,845 to destitute freedmen. After late October 1865, the Bureau's ration-relief efforts were discontinued in Missouri. Because civil authorities in the Arkansas district failed to provide medical assistance to the "destitute and starving," the Bureau, with assistance from Northern societies, established asylums, hospitals, and various kinds of relief camps. By the fall of 1866, with two commissioned medical officers, contract physicians, and male and female attendants, the Bureau had treated more than 100 refugees and over 1,500 freedmen. In late October 1866, Assistant Commissioner John W. Sprague reported that Arkansas hospitals alone had given medical aid to 3,260 people, nearly 200 of them freedmen. By the end of June 1868, Bureau hospitals in Arkansas had treated four times as many patients as in previous years, and greatly curtailed the attacks of smallpox and cholera.[1]

The regulation of written labor contracts between planters and freedmen was a major concern of the Bureau in Arkansas. In Circular Number 16, issued October 26, 1865, Commissioner Sprague outlined the rules governing the free labor system in Arkansas. Sprague ordered that all contracts in the Arkansas district were to be in writing with the approval of a Bureau official. Labor agreements were not to exceed 1 year, and no fixed rates were to be established. A 10-cent fee paid by the planter was required for each laborer. Generally, men could earn $16 per month, women $10, and children $6. First-class laborers could earn $20 per month, and received room and board, medical attention, and other essentials. In some cases, freedmen worked for a share of the crop. Whatever the agreement, subordinate Bureau officers were required to keep a record of labor contacts that they approved and witnessed, and freedmen were free to seek employment where they wished. Bureau officials often encouraged freedmen to give special consideration to employers who offered schools for their children.[2]

In response to Commissioner Howard's orders of July 12, 1865, concerning the education of refugees and freedmen, Assistant Commissioner Sprague appointed William M. Colby as general superintendent of refugee and freedmen schools. Colby was instructed "to cooperate with the state authorities and if possible work out a general system of education for those classes." Colby faced a great deal of opposition from southern whites who felt that freedmen taught by "evil emissaries from the North" encouraged social equality, an idea that they vehemently opposed. In spite of

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[1] Thomas S. Staples, *Reconstruction in Arkansas, 1862–1874* (New York: 1923), pp. 205–207.
[2] House Ex. Doc. 70, 39th Cong., 1st Sess., Serial vol. 1256, pp. 77 and 255.

this bitter opposition, however, Bureau officials in Arkansas furnished buildings for schools, and sent agents throughout the district to advise freedmen about education. From November 1865 to September 1866, working with such groups as the Indiana Friends and the Western Department of the American Freedmen's Aid Commission, the Bureau paid more than 30 percent of the cost for instructing freedmen in the alphabet, arithmetic, geography, and writing. By the summer of 1868, there were more than 30 teachers and over 1,000 pupils attending some 27 day and night schools. Some 118 teachers were instructing over 1,800 students in 24 Sabbath schools.[3]

In January 1869, Bvt. Maj. Gen. Charles H. Smith, then Assistant Commissioner for Arkansas, reorganized the education branch into three districts, with an assistant superintendent for each, for the purpose of cooperating with State officials in the transfer of the Bureau schools to the State's system. William M. Colby, David C. Casey, and James T. Watson were appointed to these new positions. General Smith held the position of chief superintendent of education. The Assistant Commissioner's office was abolished in April 1869, and Commissioner Howard reappointed Colby as the superintendent of education on May 1, 1869. Colby held that position until July 1870. By that time the Bureau had turned over most of the schools to the State Board of Education.

When Commissioner Sprague established his headquarters in St. Louis, several benevolent societies had already begun work on the establishment of schools for freedmen in Missouri. In 1864, the American Missionary Society established a freedmen school at Warrensburg, and the Western Freedmen Aid Society (WFAC) assisted military officials in the education of freedmen at Benton Barracks. By the time disbursing officer Frederick A. Seely opened his office in Missouri in 1867, there were more than 1,000 students attending some 30 schools in St. Louis alone. Seely, however, did provide support and assistance to local groups in the construction of additional schools in St. Louis, Warrensburg, Kansas City, Westport, and Carondolet.[4]

Safeguarding rights and securing justice for freedmen was of paramount concern to the Freedmen's Bureau. Following the Civil War, several Southern states enacted a series of laws commonly known as "black codes," which restricted the rights and legal status of freedmen. Freedmen were often given harsh sentences for petty crimes and in some instances were unable to get their cases heard in state courts. In a circular issued by Commissioner Howard on May 30, 1865, Assistant Commissioners were directed to "adjudicate, either themselves or through officers of their appointment, all difficulties arising between negroes themselves, or between negroes and whites or Indians." In the Arkansas district, freedmen were tried in both provost

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[3] Thomas S. Staples, *Reconstruction in Arkansas,* pp. 207–210.
[4] Richard O. Curry, ed. *Radicalism, Racism, and Party Realignment: The Border States during Reconstruction* (Baltimore: John Hopkins Press, 1969), pp. 258–259.

courts and freedmen courts. Freedmen courts were used when Bureau officials determined that freedmen were being treated unjustly. A freedmen court consisted of a Bureau official and two citizens of a given county. The three-member court had jurisdiction over all matters involving labor disputes and other cases relating to freedmen and refugees that did not exceed $300, 30 days in prison, or a fine of $100. In October 1865, Sprague appointed civilian superintendents to administer justice, especially in instances where freedmen were denied the right to testify in courts. Superintendents were told to follow state court procedures and laws as long as the laws made "no distinctions on account of color." By summer 1866, despite continued allegations of mistreatment of freedmen, all cases except those relating to labor contracts were being handled by state courts or military authorities. In 1867, when reconstruction acts placed Arkansas under the fourth military district, both state and Bureau courts were put under military supervision.[5]

The Freedmen's Bureau in the Arkansas district sought, with limited success, to secure land for refugees and freedmen. It intended to establish freedmen on lands under its control that had been abandoned or confiscated. However, its efforts were nullified by President Andrew Johnson's Amnesty Proclamation of May 29, 1865, which provided pardons and the restoration of lands to Confederates who took an oath of allegiance to the Federal Government. To minimize the impact of Johnson's Proclamation, the Bureau required that refugees and freedmen occupying land under cultivation be allowed to remain on the land until crops were harvested or just compensation was rendered. It also required that existing lease agreements be honored until they expired and that refugees and freedmen would not be moved from the land until arrangements could be made for them elsewhere. There was no complete effort to restore lands to their original owners in Arkansas until the Freedmen's Bureau was withdrawn from the State.[6]

The Southern Homestead Act (14 Stat. 66), approved by Congress on June 21, 1866, made available for public settlement 46 million acres of public lands in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Nine million acres of this Federal land was located in Arkansas. Because the Act specifically prohibited discrimination against applicants due to race, it offered an opportunity for Arkansas freedmen and others to become landowners. Generally, the Freedmen's Bureau, through "locating agents," assisted interested freedmen in finding plots, and provided them with 1-month subsistence, free transportation to their prospective tracts of land, and seeds for the initial planting. Despite his concerns that a large percentage of the Arkansas land was worthless and that many freedmen who were under labor agreements for the year would not be able to take full advantage of the Southern Homestead Act, Assistant Commissioner Sprague hired Dr. W. W. Granger as locating agent for Arkansas freedmen. By early summer 1867, Granger had located 1.5 million acres of

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[5] House Ex. Doc. No. 11, 39th Cong., 1st Sess., Serial vol. 1255, p. 45; Staples, *Reconstruction in Arkansas, 1862–1874*, pp. 211–215.
[6] House Ex. Doc. 70, 39th Cong., 1st Sess., pp. 70–71.

land available for entry (application) and recommended more than 400,000 acres for settlement. By fall 1867, Granger reported that of the 243 tracts he had surveyed, freedmen had entered 116 of the 143 that were suitable for settlement. A total of 26,395 entries were made in Arkansas under the Southern Homestead Act during the 10 years of the Act's existence. Less than 11,000, however, were carried to completion. Of the approximately 250 freedmen who eventually made land entries, only 25 percent completed them. Whites made most of the entries in Arkansas, and many of the freedmen who sought land there came from Georgia.[7]

Records Description

These records consist of volumes and unbound records. The volumes reproduced in this microfilm publication were originally arranged by type of record and thereunder by volume number. No numbers were assigned to series consisting of single volumes. Years later, all volumes were arbitrarily assigned numbers by the Adjutant General's Office (AGO) of the War Department after the records came into its custody. In this microfilm publication, AGO numbers are shown in parentheses to aid in identifying the volumes. The National Archives assigned the volume numbers that are not in parentheses. In some volumes, particularly in indexes and alphabetical headings of registers, there are blank numbered pages that have not been filmed.

The volumes consist of letters and endorsements sent and received, press copies of letters sent, registers of letters received, letters and orders received, registers of freedmen issued rations, special orders and circulars issued, registers of bounty claimants, and monthly reports forwarded to the Assistant Commissioner. The unbound documents consist of letters and orders received, unregistered letters and narrative reports received, special orders and circulars issued, and general orders and circulars received. The unbound records also contain monthly reports; amnesty oaths; applications of freedmen for rations; and records relating to claims, court trials, property restoration, and homesteads.

List of Book Records of Officers

The single-volume list of book records of officers in the State of Arkansas (no date) is arranged by office, with records of the Assistant Commissioner first, followed alphabetically by locations of the subdistrict office. Included in the list of book records are the type of record in each book or volume, the dates of the volume, and

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[7] Paul A. Cimbala and Randall M. Miller, eds., *The Freedmen's Bureau and Reconstruction: Reconsiderations* (New York: Fordham University Press, 1999), pp. 73–77; see also Claude F. Oubre, *Forty Acres and a Mule: The Freedmen's Bureau and Black Land Ownership* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State Univ. Press, 1978), p. 109.

the volume number. Throughout this introductory material and in the Table of Contents, the AGO volume number appears in parentheses in the series descriptions of the records.

Offices of Staff Officers

CLAIMS DIVISION

The single volume of press copies of letters sent, April–November 1866 (25), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. The letters are to Bureau headquarters in Washington or to Bureau officers in Arkansas and relate to the processing of individual claims. The volume also contains orders sent to local citizens by the superintendent and agent at Little Rock, Arkansas, dated from April 1867 to April 1868.

Unbound letters and miscellaneous case papers, May–October 1866, are arranged chronologically.

CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER AND CLAIMS AGENT

The five volumes of press copies of letters sent, January 1869–January 1872, 1 (38), 2 (39), 3 (40), 4 (41), and 5 (42), are arranged chronologically and there is a name index for each volume except 5 (42).

Unbound letters received, December 1868–December 1871, are arranged in four subseries. The letters dated December 1868–December 1869 are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically; those for 1870 are in two chronological series, letters from Washington, DC, and letters from claimants or attorneys in Arkansas; those for 1871 are arranged in one chronological series. There is no register or finding aid for these letters.

The single-volume register of claimants, July1866–October 1871 (43), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of soldier and thereunder chronologically by the date the claim was forwarded to Washington, DC. The entries at the end of the register are arranged chronologically rather than alphabetically.

The single-volume register of claimants, 1868–71 (44), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the claimant.

The single-volume register of claimants, February1868–October 1871 (113½), is arranged by the date the money relating to the claim was received in Washington, DC. This register gives only the date the payment was received by the disbursing officer, the name of the claimant, the amount of payment, and the date payment was received by the claimant.

Unbound miscellaneous records relating to accounting and disbursements, 1865–68, includes copies of letters sent (April 1868); monthly return of Bureau stores from the assistant quartermaster at St. Louis (September 1865); a quarterly statement of

articles received and expended in Dallas County (December 1866); specifications for a schoolhouse at Van Buren, Arkansas (no date); a contract for a schoolhouse at Batesville (December 1867); and an inventory and inspection report of the freedmen's hospital at Little Rock (January 1867).

Subordinate Field Offices

ARKADELPHIA (CLARK COUNTY)

The single volume of letters sent, letters and orders received, and endorsements sent and received, July 1865–January 1866 and October 1866–November 1868 (46), is arranged in three subseries: letters sent (July 1865–January 1866 and October 1866–July 1868); letters, orders, and endorsements received (December 1866–October 1868; and endorsements sent and received (December 1866–November 1868).

The single-volume register of complaints, August 1865–May 1868 (47), is arranged chronologically and contains primarily complaints of freedmen regarding assaults, thefts, or violations of contracts. The register also includes the decision rendered in each case.

The two volumes of labor contracts, July 1865–January 1868, 1 (49) and 2 (50), are arranged chronologically. There is a name index in each volume.

The single-volume register of marriages, 1865–67 (48), is arranged generally chronologically. Later entries are not chronological.

Unbound miscellaneous records, 1865–66, include affidavits, monthly reports of receipts and expenditures (1865), monthly report of condition of freedmen (August 1865), indentures of apprenticeship (1866), and circulars issued and received (1865).

AUGUSTA (WOODRUFF COUNTY)

The single volume of letters sent and endorsements sent, January–February 1867 (51), is arranged chronologically.

Unbound letters and orders received, November 1865–August 1866, are arranged chronologically.

The two volumes of registers of labor contracts, December 1865–September 1866 and January 1867–January 1868, 1 (52), and January–September 1866, 2 (53), are arranged by month. The entries in Volume 1 (52) include the name of the employer and employees and the rate or kind of compensation. The entries in volume 2 (53) contain the name of the employer and the number of freedmen he contracted to employ. Volume 1 (52) also contains fair copies of orders issued to local citizens by agent William Brian at Jacksonport (December 1867–January 1868). The orders direct the recipient to appear at the agent's office to answer freedmen complaints or enjoin planters and farmers from disposing of their crops until claims against them had been investigated and settled. Volume 2 (53) includes a few miscellaneous

entries relating to acts of violence committed against freedmen (September–October 1866)

Unbound fiscal and legal papers, 1865–66, are arranged by the type of record and include bonds, labor contracts, affidavits, and receipts for services rendered or goods produced.

BATESVILLE (INDEPENDENCE COUNTY)
The two volumes of letters sent, August 1866–December 1868, 1 (54) and 2 (55), are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (54) was Capt. William Brian's letter book into which he copied his outgoing correspondence. (Brian was superintendent and agent at Batesville from July 1866 to February 1867.) Capt. Walter O. Lattimore, who succeeded Brian, copied his orders to local citizens in volume 1 (54) and his letters sent in volume 2 (55).

Unbound letters received, December 1865–December 1868, are arranged chronologically.

Unbound special orders and circulars, 1865–68, are arranged by type of issuance and thereunder chronologically. The orders and circulars were issued by the Office of the Assistant Commissioner for Arkansas and by the Upper White River District relating to the Batesville office.

Unbound monthly reports of persons and articles hired, May–December 1867, are arranged chronologically.

Unbound court writs, summons, and other legal papers, 1866–68, are arranged chronologically. The records include a list of justices of the peace and probate judges of Independence County (1867) and a list of persons in Searcy County disqualified to register to vote (no date).

Unbound contracts, specifications, and plans of a freedmen school, 1867, are arranged by type of record.

CAMDEN (OUCHITA COUNTY)
Union County was added to the jurisdiction of the Camden office in October 1866, and Calhoun County was added in October 1867.

Within each volume of the two volumes of letters sent and received, October 1865–August 1868, 1 (56) and 2 (58), the letters sent precede the letters received. Each subseries is arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (56) contains only brief abstracts of the first few letters sent and received rather than the entire texts.

Unbound letters received, July 1865–July 1868, are arranged chronologically, and there appears to be little duplication with the two volumes of letters received mentioned above.

Within the single volume of endorsements sent and received and special orders and circulars issued and received, July 1865–October 1868 (59), the endorsements (arranged chronologically) precede the special orders and circulars (arranged chronologically as one subseries). The endorsements are dated September 1865–July 1868, and the orders and circulars are dated July 1865–October 1866. The full texts of several of the letters to which the endorsements are commentaries are copied into the volume.

Unbound general and special orders, March 1866–June 1868, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of labor contracts, 1867–68 (61), is arranged by year, thereunder by county, and thereunder numerically. The volume includes the name of employer and the number of black men, women, and children, male and female, employed.

The single-volume register of school children and register of attendance of school children, February–June 1867 (63), is arranged by type of register and thereunder chronologically. The first register gives the names of the parents and the name, sex, and ages of the pupils. The second register is a daily attendance record of pupils.

Unbound affidavits and depositions, January 1866–May 1868, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume monthly statements of accounts current and register of complaints, July 1865–June 1868 (62), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The accounts current are dated July 1865–March 1867, and the register of complaints is dated October 1867–June 1868. The register of complaints includes the name of the complainant, the person accused, the charge, and the decision made or action taken in the case. For September 1867 complaints, see pages 234 and 235 of volume 63 mentioned above.

Unbound fiscal papers of superintendents Lewis H. Carhart and Nathan Cole, July 1865–June 1866, are arranged chronologically and include monthly statements of accounts current and supporting vouchers.

LEWISBURG (CONWAY COUNTY)
The three volumes of letters sent, August 1866–March 1868, 1 (67), 2 (68), and 3 (69), are arranged chronologically. Volume 2 (68) contains two letters (dated February 19, 1867, and March 11, 1867), and neither is copied in volume 1 (67). Volume 2 (68) also contains miscellaneous quartermaster records of the Middle Military Division for 1864. Volume 3 (69) contains some loose documents that are copies of letters sent and drafts of memorandums and reports (March and July 1868).

Unbound letters sent, February–March 1866 and August 1867–December 1867, are arranged chronologically and are not duplicated in the three volumes of letters sent mentioned above.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent and received, December 1866–March 1868 (66), is primarily a register of letters received. The entries are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically by the date of receipt. The entries are numbered consecutively by date of receipt regardless of alphabetic considerations. Some of the letters entered are copied in the single volume of letters received (65) mentioned below. Endorsements sent and received have been copied on 11 even-numbered pages (pages 4–22) in chronological order. This volume does not have an index.

The single volume of letters received, May 1866–March 1867 (65), is arranged chronologically and does not have a name index. Some of the letters for the period from December 1866 to March 1868 are registered in volume 66 mentioned above.

Unbound letters received, June 1866–October 1868, are arranged chronologically. Many of the letters are copied in volume 65 of letters received, and many of the endorsements are copied in volume 66 of letters received.

The single-volume special orders of the Assistant Commissioner for Arkansas, May 1866–April 1867 (70), is arranged chronologically. On the last page of this volume, Captain Morgan (superintendent and agent for Lewisburg, Arkansas) listed the six duties of the office.

The single-volume labor contracts, amnesty oaths, and marriage certificates, January 1866–January 1867 (72), is arranged chronologically regardless of type of record.

Unbound oaths of amnesty dated February 1866 (6 items) are arranged and numbered in chronological order. The oaths of amnesty are the originals, and the texts were copied into volume 72 mentioned above.

Unbound affidavits, petitions, and labor contracts, 1866–67, are arranged by type of record.

DEVALL'S BLUFF (PRAIRIE COUNTY)

That part of Monroe County west of White River was under the jurisdiction of the Devall's Bluff agent. Woodruff County was added in October 1867.

The single-volume register of letters received, October 1865–October 1868 (73), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

The two volumes of registers of labor contracts, January 1865–July 1868, 1 (75) and 2 (74), are arranged in chronological order. Volume 1 (75) also includes a register

of passes issued for railroad and river travel, March–May 1865. Volume 2 (74) includes six endorsements sent (May–July 1868), and a list of indentures (January–February 1867).

Unbound reports of persons and articles hired, orders and circulars received, and accounts current, November 1865–October 1867, are arranged by type of record and chronologically.

FORT SMITH (SEBASTIAN COUNTY)
The two volumes of letters sent and received, March 1866–May 1868, 1 (76) and 2 (77), are arranged chronologically, and Volume 1 (76) has a list of contents. For a list of contents of the time span October 1866–April 1867 of Volume 1 (77), see the single-volume register of labor contracts 1 (78) listed below. The letters received are dated March 1866–April 1867 and August–October 1867.

The unbound letters received, March 1866–October 1868, are arranged chronologically. Agents Thomas Abel (March–May 1866), Sebastian Geisreiter (May–August 1866), and Charles Banzaf (August 1866–May 1867 and August–October 1867) copied their letters received into Volumes 1 (76) and 2 (77). The other agents did not.

The single-volume register of labor contracts, March 1866–February 1867 1 (78), is arranged chronologically. This volume also includes a list of part of the contents (communications) in Volume 2 (77) for October 1866–April 1867 and a register of fees collected (August–November 1866).

The single-volume register of applications for restoration of property, register of marriages, and register of persons drawing rations, 1865–67 (80), is arranged by type of register and thereunder chronologically. The register of applications for restoration of property is dated November 1865–August 1866; the register of marriages is dated November 1865–February 1867; and the register of persons drawing rations is dated May–July 1867.

The two volumes of registers of refugees issued rations, January 1865–June 1866, 1 (81) and 2 (82), are arranged chronologically. The registers give the name of the person, the number of rations issued, the cause of destitution, and other pertinent remarks. Pasted on many of the pages of Volume 1 (81) are applications for rations from white refugees dated May–June 1866.

The single-volume register of freedmen and refugees issued rations, March–May 1866 (83), is arranged chronologically. The register gives the name of the person drawing rations; date issued; the number of rations issued; county of residence; and such descriptive information as "widow, "blind man," freedman," or "orphan boy."

The single-volume register of rebel property in Scott, Sebastian, and Crawford Counties subject to confiscation (79) [no dates], is arranged by county and has a

name index of owners of the property. Included are names of witnesses and owner, location, and description and value of the property. Frequent notations indicate degree of sympathy and nature of participation of the owner in the service of the Confederate States of America and, if known, his present whereabouts.

Unbound miscellaneous records, 1865–67, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. Included are retained copies of receipts for clothing (January–October 1867), monthly returns of quartermaster stores (October 1866–October 1867), abstracts of articles purchased (November 1866–March 1867), rations reports (April–June 1867), reports of destitute soldiers treated at Fort Smith Hospital (August–October 1867), orders received restoring property (October 1865–June 1866), applications for rations (July–August 1866), miscellaneous court papers and school reports (May–July 1867), and reports of persons and articles hired (August–December 1866).

HAMBURG (ASHLEY COUNTY)
In September 1868, the subdistrict field office at Hamburg was moved to Fountain Hill, Arkansas.

The single volume of letters sent, July 1866–July 1868 (87), is arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of letters received, orders issued to local citizens, and monthly reports of operations, 1867–1868 (86), is arranged by type of record. The entries in the register (February 1867–December 1868) are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of correspondent and thereunder generally by date of receipt. The orders issued to local citizens are dated March 1867–January 1868, and the monthly reports of operations are dated January 1867–July 1868.

Unbound letters received, March 1866–December 1868, are arranged chronologically. The letters received by agents Isaiah S. Taylor and George Towle (March 1866–July 1868) have been entered in Volume 86 mentioned above and are numbered in chronological order.

The two volumes of registers of complaints, April 1866–July 1868, 1 (88) and 2 (89), are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (88) also includes a register of contracts sent from Hamburg (1866) and a register of marriages (1866). Volume 2 (89) contains four letters sent from Hamburg (April 1867 and February 1868), and a register of rations issued at Monticello, Arkansas (1865–66).

The single-volume register of contracts, 1867 (169), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the employer.

Unbound miscellaneous records, September 1866–July 1868, include rosters, indentures, retained copies of monthly accounts and land reports, monthly returns of quartermaster stores, and court papers.

HAMPTON (CALHOUN COUNTY)
In October 1867, Calhoun County was added to the jurisdiction of the agent at Camden.

The single volume of letters sent and register of letters received, February–August 1867 (85), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

Unbound miscellaneous records, December 1865–January 1867, include contracts, affidavits, court papers, and one letter received (January 1866).

HELENA (PHILLIPS COUNTY)
Unbound copies of reports, 1864–67, are arranged by type of report. Included are monthly reports of freedmen, reports of refugees and freedmen receiving rations, and reports of deeds.

The single-volume register of claimants, October 1869–June 1871 (90), is arranged chronologically by date vouchers were received. The register gives the name of claimant, the date vouchers were received, the company and regiment of the soldier, the amount due the claimant, the date the vouchers were signed and returned, the date money was received from Washington, the date the money was paid to the claimant, and by whom the claimant was identified.

JACKSONPORT (UPPER WHITE RIVER DISTRICT)
The single volume of letters sent, January 1866–March 1867 (95), is arranged chronologically.

The two volumes of letters received, March 1866–February 1867, 1 (91) and 2 (92), are arranged chronologically.

Unbound letters received, May 1866–March 1867, are arranged chronologically, and some of the letters are copied in volumes 1 (91) and 2 (92).

The single volume of circular letters issued, April 1866–January 1867 (99), is arranged chronologically.

Unbound court papers and vouchers, 1866–67, are arranged by type of record.

The two-volume register of contracts and accounting records of Capt. W. W. Willis, superintendent of freedmen, mouth of the White River and St. Charles, is dated May–June 1865, 1 (132) and 2 (133). Volume 1 (132) contains the register of contracts and a list of freedpeople in the camp. Volume 2 (133) shows not only the money received and expended by Willis, but also that it was credited to the freedmen.

JACKSONPORT (JACKSON COUNTY)

The three volumes of letters sent, July 1865–May 1868, 1 (94), 2 (96), and 3 (97), are arranged chronologically. Volume 2 (96) also contains a register of funds received from contracts and other sources dated August 1865–April 1866 and memorandums relating to settlements dated August 1866.

Unbound press copies of letters sent, August–September 1866, are arranged chronologically and were not copied in Volume 1 (94) of the letters sent mentioned above.

The single-volume register of letters received, March 1867–July 1868 (93), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder arranged in chronological order and numbered sequentially. The volume has a name index.

Unbound letters received, January 1867–July 1868, are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder arranged in chronological order and numbered sequentially. The letters are registered in Volume 93 mentioned above.

Unbound unregistered letters and orders received, August 1865–August 1868, are arranged chronologically.

The single volume of special orders, circular letters, and letters of instruction received, April 1866–January 1867 (98), is arranged chronologically.

Unbound letters sent, reports, affidavits, and court papers, August 1865–January 1867, are arranged by type of record. The letters sent are dated August–September 1865 and May 1866 and are partially duplicated in Volume 1 (94) of the letters sent.

The single-volume register of contracts and register of marriages, 1865–68 (101), is arranged by type of register. The register of contracts is dated August 1865–February 1867 and is arranged chronologically. Interfiled with the contracts issued at Jacksonport are registers of contracts made at Batesville, Augusta, Franklin, and Powhattan in September 1865. The register of marriages is dated November 1865–August 1868 and is arranged chronologically with the exception of November 1865–July 1866, which follows July 1866–August 1868.

The single-volume register of complaints, January 1866–August 1868 (100), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains reports of receipts and expenditures by the provost marshal at Jacksonport (under Department of Arkansas, May–October 1865).

LAKE VILLAGE AND LUNA LANDING (CHICOT COUNTY)
This office was located at Columbia in 1868.

The two volumes of letters sent, 1 (103) and 2 (106), cover the period July 1866–June 1868. The letters within each volume are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (103) is dated January–December 1866 and July 1867–June 1868. Volume 2 (106) is dated January–July 1867. There is a name index for the 1866 letters in Volume 1 (103). The letters for 1866 include both letters sent and received.

The single-volume register of letters received, January 1867–February 1868 (102), is arranged chronologically. The volume also includes a few endorsements and correspondence dated November 1867 relating to a black pauper named Daniel Cooper.

Unbound unregistered letters and orders received, January 1867–January 1868, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

The single-volume register of contracts and register of major landholders, April 1867–August 1868 (104), is arranged by type of register. The register of contracts is arranged chronologically. The register of landholders is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the landholder and consists of the name of the person and the agent's remarks or opinions concerning him.

The two volumes of accounting books of Fawnwood Plantation, 1 (171) and 2 (105), cover the period 1865–67. Volume 1 (171) is dated 1865–67, and Volume 2 (105) is dated 1867. The volumes consist largely of lists of goods given to employees and presumably deducted from their wages.

LEWISVILLE (LAFAYETTE COUNTY)
The single volume of press copies of letters sent, November 1866–July 1868 (109), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

Unbound letters sent, July–September 1867, are arranged chronologically. They are not duplicated in Volume 109.

The single volume of endorsements sent and received, June 1867–March 1868 (107), is arranged chronologically and has an incomplete name index.

The single-volume register of letters received, July 1867–January 1868 (108), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically and has an incomplete name index.

Unbound letters received, July–December 1867, are arranged according to their entry in Volume 108.

Unbound unregistered letters received, October 1866–December 1868, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of complaints, July–November 1867 (110), is arranged chronologically.

Unbound miscellaneous records dated September 1866–February 1868 include retained copies of narrative reports, orders received, affidavits, and court papers.

LITTLE ROCK (PULASKI COUNTY)
The single-volume register of press copies of letters sent, January 1867–April 1868 (112), is arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements received and sent, April 1867–October 1868 (111), is arranged chronologically. The last entry in the volume is dated October 29, 1868.

Unbound letters and orders received, December 1865–October 1868, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of claimants, April 1866–May 1868 (113), is arranged chronologically by the date the claim was received. The register includes name, address, and company of claimant; nature of claim; and date claim was forwarded. The claims relate to pension, bounty, and pay arrearages.

The single-volume register of marriages, 1864–66 (121), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the husband.

The single-volume register of freedmen employed on plantations, 1865–66 (120), is arranged by name of employer and has a name index of employers.

The three volumes of employment registers, 1 (116), 2 (117), and 3 (118), cover the period 1864–65. Most of these records were created before the establishment of the Bureau. Volume 1 (116) is primarily a register of employed blacks. It also contains many miscellaneous series such as a list of freedpeople at the mouth of the White River (February 1, 1864), accounting records, a register of deaths at Freedmen's Home Farm (June–July 1864), and a register of passes issued to freedpeople. Volume 2 (117) is a register of employees of freedmen and is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the employer (January–February 1865). Volume 3 (118) is a register of employed freedmen and is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the freedman. This volume is dated August–November, but there is no indication of the exact year, although it is probably 1865.

The single-volume of miscellaneous registers and memorandums (114) covers the period 1864–65. Included in the volume are registers of rations issued, a register of

transportation furnished to refugees and freedmen, and memorandums relating to complaints.

Unbound leases, miscellaneous court papers, and reports, 1865–68, are arranged by type of record. Included are land reports (August and September 1866, and January 1868); reports of destitute soldiers treated at a Little Rock hospital (January–February 1867); a roster (July 1865); and accounts current (February–September 1865).

The single volume of miscellaneous registers relating to Home Farm at Little Rock (115) covers the period January 1865–February 1866. Included in the volume are accounting records, lists of people in camp, and registers of rations issued.

The single volume of miscellaneous accounting records of Home Farm, November 1864–February 1865 (119), is arranged by name of freedman and has a name index.

LITTLE ROCK (SUPERINTENDENT OF FREEDMEN)
The single volume of letters sent and circulars issued, January–April 1864, October–November 1864, May 1865, and July 1865 (36), is arranged chronologically. The volume also includes an unidentified accounting record.

Unbound letters and orders received, January 1864–September 1865, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

The single-volume special orders issued, January 1864–October 1865 (37), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

Unbound narrative school reports from teachers and superintendents of freedmen's schools, December 1864–June 1865, are arranged chronologically. The reports are from teachers and from Joel Grant, superintendent of freedmen's schools at Little Rock, and Lovejoy Johnson, superintendent of freedmen's schools at Helena.

Unbound retained copies of reports, reports received, and miscellaneous papers, 1864–65, are arranged by type of record. The retained copies of reports include narrative reports (March–August 1865) and ration reports (July and September 1865). The reports received from subordinates are dated July 1864–September 1865. Many of the miscellaneous papers relate to the Home Farm.

MADISON (ST. FRANCIS)
The single volume of letters sent, April 1867–March 1868 (123), is arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of letters received, April–August 1867 (122), is arranged chronologically and includes a register of marriages (May and August 1867) and names and addresses of claimants (1867).

Unbound letters and orders received, March 1867–October 1868, are arranged chronologically. A few of the letters are entered in Volume 122.

The single-volume register of complaints, June 1867–April 1868 (124), is arranged chronologically and includes a register of contracts (May–November 1866) and copies of certificates of marriages (June–November 1866).

The single-volume register of contracts, April 1867–July 1868 (125), is arranged chronologically.

Unbound narrative reports, affidavits, and court papers, 1867–68, are arranged by type of record.

MAGNOLIA (COLUMBIA COUNTY)
Unbound letters received and affidavits of freedmen, May 1866–April 1867, are arranged by type of record.

MARION (CRITTENDEN COUNTY)
The three volumes of letters and endorsements sent, June 1867–December 1868, 1 (127), 2 (128), and 3 (129), are arranged chronologically and there is a list of contents in each volume.

The single-volume register of letters received, January 1867–October 1868 (126), is arranged chronologically and has a list of contents.

The single unbound letter received is dated October 21,1867.

MONTICELLO (SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS)
The single volume of letters sent, July 1865–December 1866 (131), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains special orders issued (August 1865–December 1866, circular letters (July 1865 and May and July 1866), and summaries of cases tried (May 1866).

The single volume of letters received, August 1865–December 1866 (130), is arranged chronologically.

Unbound letters received, October 1865–January 1867, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of contracts for Bradley County, January–March 1866 (168), consists of two registers, both of which seem to have the same title. One register is arranged chronologically by date the contract was filed. The second register is arranged numerically by the number of the contract. This volume also contains a list of indigent families, most of who seem to be soldiers' families.

Unbound court papers and reports are arranged by type of record. The records include land reports (October 1865 and January 1866) and financial reports (August–September 1865).

MONTICELLO (DREW COUNTY)
Unbound reports, 1866, include accounts current, land reports, and ration reports.

NAPOLEON (DESHA COUNTY)
The two volumes of letters sent, April 1867–December 1868, 1 (135) and 2 (136), are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of letters received, April 1867–February 1868 (134), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically.

Unbound letters and orders received, June 1866–March 1868, are arranged chronologically, and some of the letters are entered in Volume (134).

The single-volume register of contracts and register of complaints, 1866–67 (137), is arranged by type of register. The register of contracts is dated December 1866–April 1867, and the register of complaints is dated February–November 1867.

Unbound miscellaneous records cover the period January 1866–January 1868. The records include marriage certificates, census reports, narrative reports, accounts, court papers, and a census report of freedpeople at the mouth of the Red River (1864).

OSCEOLA (MISSISSIPPI COUNTY)
The single volume of letters sent and register of claims, marriages, contracts, and indentures, 1866–68 (138), is arranged by type of record. The letters sent are dated July 1868; the register of claims, October 1866; the register of marriages, April 1866–February 1867; the register of contracts, January–October 1867; and the register of indentures, May–June 1866.

The single-volume register of complaints, March 1867–June 1868 (139), is arranged chronologically.

OZARK
The single-volume register of destitute citizens of Franklin and Johnson counties issued rations, June 1866 (140), is arranged by county and thereunder numerically. The register gives name, color, and cause of destitution. Rations were issued in compliance with Special Order 54 of the Assistant Commissioner.

PARACLIFTA (SEVIER COUNTY)
In April 1867, the office was moved from Paraclifta to Rocky Comfort. The officer was also responsible for Bureau affairs in Little River County.

The single volume of letters sent and register of letters received, December 1866–December 1867 (177), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The letters sent are dated December 1866–December 1867, and the register of letters received is dated June–October 1867. Also included is a list of contents of letters sent.

The single volume of letters sent, December 1867–October 1868 (179), is arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent, November 1867– May 1868 (178), is arranged chronologically.

The single volume of orders issued to local citizens, April 1867–March 1868 (180), is arranged chronologically and includes special and general orders.

The single-volume register of marriages, copies of indentures, and register of purchase vouchers issued, 1865–67 (181), is arranged by type of record. The register of marriages is dated December 1865; the indentures, December 1865–January 1866 and January–February 1867; and the register of vouchers, June–August 1867.

The single-volume register of complaints dated January 1867–July 1868 (176) is arranged chronologically and includes a list of employed freedmen (July–December 1865).

The single-volume register of employers and employees (182) [no dates] is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the employee or employer. The register gives the name of the employer or employee and number of contract.

PINE BLUFF (ARKANSAS RIVER DISTRICT)
The Arkansas River District comprised the counties of Pulaski, Prairie, Jefferson, and Arkansas, and parts of the counties of Monroe and Desha.

The single volume of letters sent, July 1866–May 1867 (144), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains letters sent by the agent at Pine Bluff (March–May 1867).

Unbound letters and orders received, July 1866–February 1867, is arranged chronologically.

Unbound reports of persons and articles hired, July 1866–February 1867, is arranged chronologically.

PINE BLUFF (JEFFERSON COUNTY)
The two volumes of press copies of letters sent span the period January 1866–July 1868. Both are arranged chronologically, and each volume has a name index. Volume 1 (143) includes letters from January to May 1866 and from January to

July 1868. Volume 2 (145) includes letters from May 1867 to December 1867.

The single volume of letters sent, August–December 1868 (146), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains a register of contracts, February–April 1864 and January–June 1865, and records of the contraband camp at Pine Bluff, February–September 1866, which include lists of persons and employees at the camp and the amount of rations issued.

The two volumes of endorsements sent cover the period January 1866–December 1868, with gaps. Volume 1 (142) is dated January–September 1866 and July–December 1868 and is arranged chronologically. Volume 2 (141) is dated September 1866–July 1868. From March to May 1867, the endorsements are arranged chronologically and include some endorsements received. From May 1867 to July 1868, the entries are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically, and include abstracts of letters that were filed among the letters received and not sent from the office. Volume 2 (141) also includes endorsements sent by the general superintendent of the Arkansas River District at Pine Bluff for September 1866–March 1867.

Unbound letters received, March–October 1866 and March 1867–December 1868, are arranged chronologically. A few of the letters are entered in Volume 2 (141).

The single volume of special orders received, October 1865–July 1868 (147), is arranged chronologically and is incomplete with many gaps.

The single-volume register of marriages, March 1864–July 1865 (151), is arranged chronologically and some of the names in the register are also in Volume (150) mentioned below.

The single volume of copies of marriage certificates, December 1864–June 1867 (150), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. The last part of the volume, September 1866–June 1867, is a register of marriages rather than copies of the certificates.

The single-volume register of abandoned property, 1864–67 (149), is arranged by name of former owner and has a name index. The register gives a description and location of the property and notations as to when it was restored and by what authority. Many entries include accounts of rent received.

The single-volume "Record and Account Book" of Mrs. Bayner's Plantation covers the period February–December 1867 (148). The records include a daily time and attendance report for all persons working on the plantation, daily reports of weather and work completed, and reports of amount of cotton picked and shipped.

Unbound miscellaneous records, 1864–68, are arranged by type of record. The records include special orders and circulars received (October 1865–November

1868), retained copies of ration reports (March 1866–December 1867), ration reports of patients in the freedmen's hospital (June–November 1867), land reports (March 1866–March 1868), and rosters (March–October 1866). There are also school reports (December 1866–July 1867), reports of persons and articles hired (July 1866–November 1867), estimates of funds (May–September 1866), and court papers and bills of lading (1864, 1866–68). In addition, there are accounting records dating from December 1864 that were created by S. W. Mallory as superintendent of freedmen for the Freedmen's Department.

PRINCETON (DALLAS COUNTY)
The single volume of contracts and monthly statements of property, 1866–68 (170), is arranged by type of record. The contracts are arranged by year (1866 and 1867) and thereunder numerically. There is a name index to the contracts. The monthly statements are arranged chronologically (July 1867–December 1868).

SOUTH BEND (ARKANSAS COUNTY)
From 1866 until February 1867, the office was at Auburn; from February to July 1867, at Fair Dale; and from July 1867 to July 1868, at South Bend.

The single volume of letters sent, February 1867–July 1868 (153), is arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of letters received covers the period January–August 1867 and November 1867–March 1868 (152). From January to August 1867, the entries are arranged and numbered in chronological order. From November 1867 to March 1868, they are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent, and thereunder arranged and numbered in chronological order. The entries frequently include copies of endorsements sent and received.

Unbound letters received, February–August 1867, are arranged and numbered according to their entry in Volume 152. There are also some unregistered letters (November 1867–May 1868).

The single volume of orders issued to local citizens, October 1867–July 1868 (154), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains a register of claimants (1866–67) arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the soldier, but there are entries only for A–D.

The single volume of proceedings of cases dated November 1867–April 1868 (155) is arranged chronologically.

UNION (FULTON COUNTY)
The single volume of letters sent and register of letters received, January 1867–September 1868 (156), is arranged by letters sent and register of letters received and thereunder chronologically. There are indexes for both the letters sent and for the registers.

Unbound letters sent and retained copies of reports, June 1866–June 1867, are arranged by type of record. Most of the letters and reports are copied in Volume 156.

The single volume of letters sent, October–December 1868 (158), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

The single-volume register of letters received, October–December 1868 (157), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

Unbound letters and orders received, March 1866–November 1868, are arranged chronologically. Most are entered in Volume 157.

WASHINGTON (SOUTH WEST DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS)
The single volume of letters sent, January 1865–March 1867 (161), is arranged chronologically.

The single volume of letters received at the South West District, September 1866–March 1867 (159), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains a register of letters received by the agent at Washington (Hemstead County), for the period March 1867–September 1868, arranged chronologically.

Unbound letters received, September 1866–February 1867, are arranged chronologically. Some of the letters are copied in Volume 159.

The single volume of special orders received at the South West District, November 1865–December 1867 (164), is arranged chronologically. This volume also contains orders received by the agent at Washington (Hemstead County), for the period March–December 1867.

Unbound special orders and circulars received, November 1865–February 1867, are arranged chronologically. Some of the orders are copied in Volume 164.

WASHINGTON (HEMSTEAD COUNTY)
The single volume of letters sent and orders issued to local citizens, February 1866–March 1867 (160), is arranged chronologically. The section of letters sent covers the period February–October 1866, and that of orders issued to local citizens covers the period October 1866–March 1867.

The two volumes of letters sent, 1 (162) and 2 (163), cover the period March 1867–August 1868. The letters in both volumes are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (162) is dated March 1867–August 1868, and Volume 2 (163) is dated November 1867–January 1868. There are only a few letters in Volume 2 (163); all are addressed to officials in Hemstead County and do not appear to be duplicated in Volume 1 (162).

Unbound letters and orders received, April 1867–September 1868, are arranged chronologically. Some letters are entered in Volume (159), and some orders are entered in Volume 164.

The single-volume register of contracts, November 1866–September 1867 (165), is arranged numerically.

The single-volume register of complaints, August 1866–February 1868 (166), is arranged chronologically.

The single volume of marriage certificates, October 1865–February 1867 (167), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains a register of indentures (December 1865) and an undated list of people delinquent in payments to workers.

Unbound accounts current, marriage certificates, court papers, and teachers' school reports, 1865–68, are arranged by type of record. The accounts current are dated July–September 1865. Some of the marriage certificates are copied in volume 167.

Related Records

In the same record group, RG 105, and related to records of the Bureau's field offices for Arkansas, are those of the Bureau headquarters in Washington, DC, and previously microfilmed records of the Assistant Commissioner and the superintendent of education for Arkansas. These record series are available in the following National Archives microfilm publications:

M742, ***Selected Series of Records Issued by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,*** **1865–1872**

M752, ***Registers and Letters Received by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1872***

M803, ***Records of the Education Division of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1871***

M979, ***Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Arkansas, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1869***

M980, ***Records of the Superintendent of Education for the State of Arkansas, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1871***

M1875, ***Marriage Records of the Office of the Commissioner, Washington Headquarters of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1861–1869***

Records in other record groups supplement those of the Assistant Commissioner. In Records of United States Army Continental Commands, 1821–1920, RG 393, are records of the military district that included Arkansas and Missouri. Records relating to employment and welfare of freedmen and abandoned property before the establishment of the Bureau are among Records of Civil War Special Agencies of the Treasury Department, RG 366. The records of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, 1865–1874, in Records of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, RG 101, contain information relating to former slaves who maintained accounts with the bank branches at Arkansas and Missouri.

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ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
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This list provides the names and dates of service of known Freedmen's Bureau personnel at selected subordinate field offices in Arkansas. Additional information regarding persons assigned to various field offices might be found among the Bureau's Washington headquarters station books and rosters of military officers and civilians on duty in the states and other appointment-related records.

LOCATION	DATES
Arkadelphia (Clark County)	
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT	
William A. Stuart	July–Dec. 1865
William A. Britton	Dec. 1865–Oct. 1866
Anthony E. Babricht	Oct. 1866–Dec. 1868
Augusta (Woodruff County)	
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT	
John Thorp	Nov. 1865–Nov. 1866
Lt. Sebastian Geisreiter	Nov. 1866–Feb. 1867
Batesville (Independence County)	
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT	
Reuben Harplam	Dec. 1865–ca. June 1866
Capt. William Brian	July 1866–Feb. 1867
Capt. Walter O. Lattimore	Apr. 1867
Capt. Albert H. Andrews	Apr.–Nov. 1867
Lt. John Harold	Nov.–Dec. 1867
Capt. William J. Lyster	Dec. 1867–Dec. 1868
Camden (Ouchita County)	
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT	
Lewis H. Carhart	July 1865–June 1866
Nathan Cole	June–Oct. 1866
Joseph L. Thorp	Oct. 1866–July 1868
Devall's Bluff (Prairie County)	
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT	
Willis Davis	June 1865
William McCullough	July 1865–July 1866
Hiram Willis	July–Dec. 1866
William McCullough	Dec. 1866–Dec. 1868

Fort Smith (Sebastian County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Francis Springer	Oct. 1865–Mar. 1866
Thomas Abel	Mar.–May 1866
Sebastian Geisreiter	May–Aug. 1866
Charles Banzhaf	Aug. 1866–May 1867
Elihu G. Barker	May–Aug. 1867
Charles Banzhaf	Aug.–Oct. 1867
Pinkney Lugenbeel	Nov. 1867–Aug. 1868

Hamburg (Ashley County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Lt. Fred A. Tencate	Mar.–July 1866
Lt. Isaiah S. Taylor	July 1866–Oct. 1867
George Towle	Nov. 1867–July 1868
Sebastian Geisreiter	July–Dec. 1868

Hampton (Calhoun County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

John Scroggins	Oct. 1865–Aug. 1867

Helena (Phillips County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

H. Sweeney (superintendent of freedmen)	1864–65
H. Sweeney (superintendent)	1867
James T. Watson (claims agent)	1869–71

Jacksonport (Upper White River District)
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

J. M. Bowler	Jan.–Mar. 1866
J. T. Watson	Mar. 1866–Mar. 1867

Jacksonport (Jackson County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Jonas Lindale (also provost marshal for the Department of Arkansas)	May–Aug. 1865
William Tisdale (also provost marshal for the Department of Arkansas)	Aug.–Oct. 1865
J. M. Bowler	Oct.–Dec. 1865
Robert Anderson	Dec. 1865–Mar. 1866
A. S. Dyer	Mar. 1866–Feb. 1867
William Brian	Feb. 1867–Dec. 1868

Lake Village and Luna Landing (Chicot County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Thomas Abel	July–Oct. 1866
S. Geisreiter	Nov. 1866
S. Hersey	Dec. 1866–June 1867
G. Benson	July–Dec. 1867
A. G. Cunningham	Dec. 1867–Nov. 1868

Lewisburg (Conway County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

John Vetter	Feb.–Mar. 1866
William Morgan	June 1866–Dec. 1868

Lewisville (Lafayette County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Nathan Cole	Oct. 1866–June 1867
V. V. Smith	July 1867–Dec. 1868

Little Rock (Pulaski County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

J. Raines (superintendent of freedmen until July 1865)	Feb.–Sept. 1865
W. Tisdale	Nov. 1865–July 1866
F. Gross	July 1866–Sept. 1867
James T. Watson	Aug. 1867
A. S. Dyer	Sept. 1867–Aug. 1868

Little Rock
SUPERINTENDENT OF FREEDMEN

W. G. Sargent (superintendent at Helena)	Jan.–Mar. 1864
W. G. Sargent	Apr. 1864–Nov. 1865

Madison (St. Francis County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

A. S. Dyer	Apr.–Sept. 1867
Williams	Oct. 1867–Dec. 1868

Marion (Crittenden County)
AGENT

James R. Walker	Sept. 1866–Oct. 1867
E. G. Barker	Oct. 1867–Aug. 1868
Main	Sept.–Dec. 1868

Monticello
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

E. G. Barker (agent)	July 1865–ca. Jan. 1866
E. G. Barker (general superintendent)	Jan. 1866–Jan. 1867

Monticello (Drew County)
AGENT

G. Duvall	Jan.–Oct. 1866

Osceola (Mississippi County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Eli Mix	Apr. 1866–Oct. 1868

Paraclifta (Sevier County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

A. W. Ballard	Dec. 1865–Dec. 1866
Hiram Willis	Dec. 1866–Oct. 1868

Pine Bluff (Arkansas River District)
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

William J. Dawes	July 1866–Jan. 1867
William D. Hale	Jan.–Feb. 1867
William J. Dawes	Feb. 1867

Pine Bluff (Jefferson County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

S. W. Mallory (superintendent of freedmen until July 1865)	Dec. 1864–Nov. 1865
D. H. Williams	Dec. 1865–Jan. 1866
A. Coats	Jan.–Mar. 1866
E. Wallace	Mar.–Sept. 1866
S. Geisreiter	Sept. 1866–Mar. 1867
W. J. Dawes (agent)	Mar.–May 1867
S. Geisreiter (agent)	May1867–July 1868
R. W. Barnard	Aug.–Dec. 1868

Princeton (Dallas County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Stubblefield	1866
George W. Mallett	1866–68

South Bend (Arkansas County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

William D. Hale	May 1866–June 1867
S. Hersey	June–Sept. 1867
A. Coats	Sept. 1867–Mar. 1868
DeWolf	Mar.–July 1868

Union (Fulton County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Simpson Mason	Oct. 1866–Sept. 1868
John Martin	Sept.–Dec. 1868

Washington (South West District of Arkansas)
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

E. W. Gantt	Nov. 1865–Oct. 1866
F. Thibant	Oct. 1866–Mar. 1867

Washington (Hemstead)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

John R. Montgomery	July–Dec. 1865
James Williams	Dec. 1865–July 1866
F. Thibant	July 1866–Dec. 1867
C. C. Gilbert	Dec. 1867–Dec. 1868

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Hamburg (Ashley County)

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Volume (87) July 1866–July 1868

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Hamburg. Ark.
July 16th 1866

Do. Captain E. S. Barker.
Supt. R. F. and A. L.
Monticello. Ark.

Captain

I send you by the return of the Ambulance which brought me here, a negro man who is insane, and causing much trouble running at large frightening women and children.

He was brought to me to take care of him here, myself. Prompted by a sense of humanity, I send him to you for disposition. I am not aware whether the government makes provisions for such cases, but presume you will know and will forward him to such point as he may be cared for.

I am Capt. Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
D. S. Taylor
Lt. 15th Veteran Reserve Corps.
& Supt R. F. and A. L.

Williams
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2 H. Capt. Hamburg Arkansas
A. A. G. R. F. & L.
Little Rock Ark's
July 16. 1866

Capt. I have the honor to transmit herewith the enclosed estimate of funds required for the Bureau of Refugees. Freedmen. and Abandoned Lands. for the month commencing July 10th and ending July 31. 1866.

I am Capt. Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant.
D. S. Taylor
Lt. 15th Vet. Reserve Corps
Supt R. F. and A. L.
Hamburg Ark's

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No 3.
Ford
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Hamburg Arkansas
July 19. 1866

Mr. -
Hamburg Arks.

It having been represented to the Officer of the Bureau for R. F. and A. L. for Ashley County, that you have in your employ one Cannon a colored boy, who is under contract for one yedr. from January 1st to Dec. 31st 1866 for Mrs. Margarette Heill — You are hereby directed to pay to Mrs. Margarette Hill, such wages as the said cannon may earn while in your employ; he having violated his contract, thus lain himself liable to forfeiture of his wages.

S. Taylor
Ast Supt. R. F. and A. L.

No 4
Lester

Hamburg. Arkansas
July 19th 1866.

B. F.
Hamburg. Arks.

It having been represented to the Officer of the Bureau for R. F. and A. L. for the County of Ashley that you have in your employ, one Jane, colored woman, who is under contract to work for one year, from January 1st to Dec. 31st 1866, for Mrs. Margarette Heill — you are hereby directed to pay to Mrs. Margarette Heill, such wages, the said Jane may earn while in your employ; she having violated her contract, and thus lain herself liable to forfeiture of her wages.

S. Taylor
Ast Supt R F and A L

Hamburg. Arkansas.
July 23rd 1866.

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J. W. Mc.

Bayou Bartholemew.

Arkansas

Sir: Willis Long, one of your colored employees, complaining to me that he is sick and unable to provide for himself— that his wife is on your plantation, and is an able bodied woman. The instructions of the Commissioner of Freedmen of this state, is that as far as possible the colored people, must care for their children and infirm; by charging the same to their relatives; should the facts be as represented by Willis Long his wife must care for him to the extent of her ability.

J. J. Taylor
Lt. & Supt. R. F. and A. L.

Hamburg. Arkansas.
July 23rd 1866.

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Barker.
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Capt E. L.
Supt. R. F. and A. L.
Monticello Ark.

Capt. I have the honor to respectfully request answers to the following questions, and information, as regards my duty in these cases.

1st Is it your understanding that settlements with the negroes, and their final payment is to be done thro' the county Superintendant, in whose office the contracts are on file?— if so please give me your idea as to the course the Superintendant should pursue.

2d Is it proper for me to file the reports of last time made by employers in my Office? Or should I approve them, and return them to the employer to be used by him in making settlement, or should they be in duplicate— one filed and the other returned to the employer.

I find a disposition to be backwards in

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making reports of lost time — but few have been presented. In conclusion I would add, that there seems to be a carelessness exhibited by some in regard to the correctness of the reports, a case appearing before me this morning, where a man swearing to a report of lost time which on after examination by myself, proved to be intirely erronous, so much so, that either through wilfulness or ignorance, the negroes would be defrauded out of 10 days labor. Any suggestion as to how this may be prevented would be thankfully rec'd.

Dam Capt. Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant.
A. Taylor
St. & Supt R. F and A. L.

Hamburg. Arkansas
Oct Nov. 23. 1866

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Barker
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Capt C. L.
Supt. R. F. and A. L.
Monticello Ark.

Capt: Under contract, for the year 1865. Mr. Thomas Ford employed Ben. and Edam. two colored men, and from subsequent developments it seems that Mr. Ford has failed to comply justly with his contract, giving in lieu of pay his note for a certain sum of money. I would respectfully request your knowledge in this case, whether a settlement has ever been made between the parties. Thomas Ford, and the two colored men and what that settlement consisted of — in fine any thing that would in any manner throw light upon the subject, that you can recall to your recollection.

Dam Capt. Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
A. Taylor
St. & Supt. R. F. and A. L.

Hamburg. Arkansas
7th Mo. 23. 1866

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Capt. E. S.
Supt. R. F. and A. L.
Monticello. Arkansas
Capt.

I have the honor to respectfully report to you that complaint has been entered against H.C. Roberts by Washing Riley, he having hired his daughter for last years work, and that she has not received pay for said work. the money having been paid to you. He also complains of not having received any thing for himself. Any information in the case will be respectfully received by

Your Obt. Servt.
D S Taylor
St. & Supt. R. F. and A. L.

Hamburg. Arkansas
7th Mo. 23. 1866.

No 9.
Barker
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Capt. E. S.
Supt. R. F. and A. L.
Monticello. Arkansas
Capt.

I have the honor to respectfully request that you furnish me information, as to ~~the~~ what amt is just in charging Freedmen for rations, when having food time.

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt.
D S Taylor
St. & Supt. R. F. and A. L.

No 10

Pucer

Albert
Citizen

Hamburg Arkansas
July 24th 1866

Sir: Your colored employee Jack Willson complains to me that by ill-treatment you are endeavoring to compell him to leave your plantation now that your crop is complete. Should this be true, it is in violation of your contract and would lay you liable. I have directed the said to return to his work. Hoping the case complained of may prove to be exagerated, and that you will seek to do simple justice to those in your employ I am &c.

Respectfully &c.
J Taylor
1st Lt and Supt R F and A L.

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Genl. S.
A. G. U. S. A.
Washington D.C.

Office Supt. R. F. and a L.
Hamburg Arks. July 30. 1866

General.

I have the honor to report that in compleance with Special Orders No. 58. dated Office Asst. Commissioner of R F. and A L. for the States of Arkansas Missouri and the Indian Territory. Little Rock Arkansas July 5. 1866, I am on duty as Superintendant R F and a L. at Hamburg, Ashley Co. Arks.,

I have the honor to be Genl
Very Resp'ctly Your Obt Servt
J Taylor
1st Lt & Supt. R F and A L

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Office Supt R.F. and A.L.
Hamburg Arkansas
July 30. 1866

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Capt D. H.
A.A.G. R.F. and A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

Capt.

Situated as I am too far from supplies for my Clerk to draw his rations in kind, will you please inform me whether it is practicable for to have his rations commuted and paid in money.

I am Capt.
Respectfully &c
J.S. Taylor
Lt & Supt R.F. and A.L.

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Williams
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Capt D. H.
A.A.G. R.F. and A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Hamburg July. 30. 1866

Capt:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, "account Current with the U.S. for the month ending on the 31st day of July 1866.

Respectfully &c.
J.S. Taylor
Lt & Supt R.F. and A.L.

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Capt. D. H.
A.A.G. R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Arkansas

Office Supt R.F. and A.L.
Hamburg July 30. 1866.

Capt.

I have the honor to transmit herewith Report of Issues and articles employed and hired, at Hamburg Arkansas, for the month ending the 31st day of July, 1866

Respectfully &c.
J.S. Taylor
Lt & Supt R.F. & A.L.

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Office. Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Helmburg. Ark July. 30. 1866.

Capt. H.
A. A. Gen. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Capt.

I have the honor to respectfully request supplies of D. M. Blanks, as I find none in the Office here & expt a few of No. 11. A full supply is required.

If a personal favor please be kind enough to procure from the Pay-Master a few Officers Pay act Blanks and forward the same in the package with the Other Blanks

Respectfully, &c.

J. Taylor
Lt. & Supt. R. F. and A. L.

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Office Supt. R. F. and A. L.
Hamburg ark. July 30. 1866

Capt. D. H.
A. A. G. R. F. and A. L.
Little Rock Arkansas

Capt. I have the honor to call your attention to the fact that there are at the present time on duty at this place One Sergeant, one Corporal and eight Privates of the 19th U. S. I. for whom there is no medical attendance. During the Past month several cases of sickness has occurred among them. I have endeavored to provide the requisite medical attendance, under Par 130 R. A. R. but the Physicians here refuse to act, giving as a reason, that they are unwilling to be put to the trouble of to collect, and to have their accounts audited and adjusted at the option of the U. S. Government. As a result the

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medical attention for these men has been very unsatisfactory, and in some cases none at all.

One of the Physicians Isaac J. Newton has expressed himself as willing to accept a contract at $30 dollars a month. Not deeming myself authorized to make such contract, I would respectfully refer the matter to you for instructions.

Respectfully &c
S Taylor
Lt. & Supt. R. F. and A. L.

17.

Endorsement on letter from A. Sweeny. Capt and General Supt. Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, in reference the children of a colored woman. Martha Wilson, at Helena Arkansas:

Office Supt. R. F. and A. L.
Hamburg. July 31. 1866.

Respectfully returned to Major Genl. J. M. Sprague with report, that the within mentioned Children are at this time in the care of relatives of the mother:- that they are as well cared for as circumstances will permit. All of them are too young to clearly understand their desires, but that the Relatives having them in charge, desire the mother to have them.

Respectfully &c.
S Taylor
Lt. & Supt. R. F. and A. L.

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Endorsement on letter to Capt. E. G. Barker. (see page 5. No 8.) returned:

Office Supt R Fand A L.
Hamburg Ark July 31. 1866.

Respectfully returned to Capt. E. G Barker. with statement that J. C. Roberts informs me that he paid you $5. on for the daughter of Washington Riley for which he has a receipt.

Respectfully, &c.
J. Taylor

Lt & Supt R F and A. L.

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Ford

Thomas.
"Citizen"

Mr. Benjamin Adams is desirous of hiring some hands. The hands on your Plantation can obtain work with Mr. Adams, and I request that they make a contract with him at fair wages. I have explained to him the conditions of their leaving your place. You will oblige me by aiding Mr. Adams to secure the service of your people and to aid and assist them with your advice &c.

Respectfully, &c
J. Taylor

~~1st Lt & Supt R Fand A L~~

Office. Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Lauburg. Arks. Aug 2. 1866

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Goodman

John
Ashley Co.

Sir: Emily Holmes, a colored woman in your employ, complains of having great trouble in pleasing you with her work. and that in a difficulty you struck her. I am convinced the whole case is only a frivolous affair, and am therefore not disposed to trouble you to come here. I must, however, suggest that the striking of Freedmen or the abuse of them, is strictly forbidden by order from the Department at Washington, and that it is made my imperative duty to see that it is not done. They must be punished by fine, or under the vagrant laws of the State if they fail to perform their duty. If they proceed as Freedmen, it is believed that kindness and encouragement will accomplish more than harsh measures.

Believing that you have no disposition to do other than simple justice to all.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
S. D. Taylor
1st Lt. & Supt. R. F. and A. L.

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Endorsement on Letter to Capt. E. G. Barker Supt. R. F. A. L. Monticello Ark - asking information as to what charge would be just in charging Freedmen for rations while at work.

Office Bureau R F and A L.
Monticello Arks July 24. 1866.

Respectfully returned with information that circular letter of July 19. allows 30 cents per day to be charged for rations in case of last time.

Signed E. G. Barker.
Capt & Genl. Supt.

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Endorsement on letter to Capt. E. G. Barker. Supt R. F. and A. L. from Saml. M. Mills Lt. 19th Infy, Act. Adjt. June 27. 1866.

Office Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Monticello. Ark. July. 20. 1866

Respectfully referred to
Lt. Taylor. Supt. R. F. and A. L. Hamburg Arks
(who will) with the suggestion, that without knowing under what circumstances St. Tencate proposes to have stores transferred to him, it would be impossible to take any definite action in the case. All applications should be made through this Office.

Respectfully,
E. G. Barker

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Endorsement on letter from Lieut. J. S. Taylor Supt. R. F. and A. L. Hamburg Ark., requesting answers to questions relative to settlements ~~final~~, and final payment of Freedmen &c.

Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Monticello Ark. July 24, 1866.

Respectfully returned to Lt. J. S. Taylor Supt. R. F. & L. Hamburg Arkansas, with the information that: 1st. = Settlements will be made through the Superintendent's Office, where the contracts are on file, each party representing himself. 2d. - Reports of last time should be made in duplicate, each copy approved by the Supt. and one filed in his Office, and the other given to the employer.

3d All persons who swear falsely for the purpose of defrauding the Freedmen, should be indicted for perjury, before the Federal Courts at Little Rock. 4th. Employers should should not be allowed any last time if not properly reported, unless very good reasons can be shown for such failure.

E. G Barker.
Capt and Supt.

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Endorsement on letter from Lt. Taylor. Supt. R.F. and A.L. Hamburg asking information of Capt. E. I. Barker. Supt. Monticello, in regard to the final settlement for the year 1866, between one Thomas Ford Citizen, and Freedmen then in his employ.

Office Bureau R.F. and A.L.
Monticello. Ark. July 24. 1866.

Respectfully returned with the information that:- Mr. Thomas Ford made settlement, I think, with all the Freedmen for their labor during the year 1865, and not having the money to pay them, gave them his note for the amount due.

E. I. Barker.
Capt. & Genl Supt.

Office Supt. R.F. and A.L.
Hamburg Ark. Sept. 3. 1866

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Thomas

Brig Genl. L.
Adjt. Genl U.S.A. ~~D.C.~~
Washington D.C.

Genl. I have the honor to report that in compliance with Special Orders No. 58 dated Bureau Refugees Freedmen and abandoned lands for Missouri Arkansas, & Little Rock Ark., July 5th 1866 I am on duty at Hamburg Arkansas, as Superintendent of R.F. and A.L. for the Co of Ashley.

I have the honor to be Genl
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt
I.I. Taylor
Lieut & Supt. R.F. and A.L.

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Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Hamburg Ark Sept 3. 1866

Capt C.L.
Supt R.F. & A.L.
Monticello Ark

Sir. I would respectfully state that by the withdrawance of troops from this place I have neither horses nor men for any purpose. Not fuling it prudent to trust the mail under present arrangements I desire that you send me a trusty man with horse to carry out my monthly reports and other important papers.

Respectfully Your Obt. Servant
J.S Taylor
1st Lt. & Supt R.F. & A.L.

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Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Hamburg Ark Sept. 3. 1866

Capt. H.
A.A.G. R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

Capt. I have the honor to herewith transmit Report "Account Current," for the month ending Aug. 31. 1866.

Respectfully &c
J.S Taylor

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1st Lt. & Supt R.F. & A.L.

Capt. H.
A.A.G.
Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Office Supt. R.F. & A.L.
Hamburg Ark Sept 3. 1866

Capt: I have the honor to transmit Report "Persons & articles &c" for Aug. 1866

Respectfully &c
J.S Taylor
1st Lt. & Supt. R.F. & A.L.

Office Dept. R.F. & A.L.
Hamburg. Ark. Sept. 3. 1866.

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Capt. H.
A.A.G. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

Capt.

I have the honor to transmit herewith Estimate of funds required for the service of the Bureau R.F. & A.L. for the month of Sept. 1866.

Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
D.S. Taylor
1st Lt. & Supt. R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt. R.F. and A.L.
Hamburg Ark. Sept. 3. 1866

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Capt. S.H.
A.A.G. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark,

Capt: I enclose herewith the account of medical services rendered by Dr. J.J. Newton, to the soldiers on duty at this place, and would respectfully request that the account may be properly forwarded for collection. Amid the other difficulties I have to contend with here, has been that of obtaining medical attendance, and as has been previously reported, this difficulty is occasioned on the part of the Physicians here, by the assertion that they are not paid for their services. Of the truth of this assertion I know nothing; but certain it is, the soldiers here have suffered for medical attention. I have endeavored faithfully to alleviate the trouble, in several cases by giving medicine and paying for them from my own personal funds, and accordi

in obtaining the enclosed attendance on my personal pledge to see it Paid. If an adjustment of this claim is made, I think this difficulty in future can be remedied. A Physician can be found who will willingly perform the service or enter into Contract, and thus overcome one of the difficulties in the way of an Officer on duty at this place.

I forward the account to you with the view of having it adjusted or being placed in proper form for adjustment.

Respectfully
Yours &c
A S Taylor
1st Lt & Supt B F. & A L.

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Capt. S H.
A.A.G. B B F and A L.
Little Rock Ark.

Capt: I have the honor to call Your attention to a question which is causing me some difficulty. As you are aware most Plantations there are more or less Children. In making reports for lost time many of the Planters are claiming in the Charge for rations that if the party who looses the time has Children such party must not only pay for the rations consumed by himself during said lost time but must also pay for the rations consumed by the Children.

I have decided that this cannot be allowed, basing my decision on the fact that parties who have Children are as a rule paid less wages than those who have no Children. That this reduced wages is allowed to compensate the planter for feeding the Children. That having

been thus Compensated once they Cannot in justice
claim a Second Compensation when the Father or
Mother chances to loose time by sickness or otherwise
As complaint is made against this decision
I desire Your approval or disapproval of it.
Respectfully Your Obt. Servt.
Lt & Supt R.F. and A.L.

A S Taylor
Office Supt R.F. and A.L.
Hamburg. Sept 5th 1865

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Capt S.H.
Asst. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

Capt: There are several parties
(Justices and Ministers) in this County, who are
Solemnising marriages without causing the
parties to procure certificates from this Office
or filing a Certificate of marriage after they have
performed the Ceremony. Thus (ignoring) ignor-
ing the Bureau and Constituting themselves
individually the sum total of all the requisit
of a legal marriage
When it is remembered that
the Clerk of the Court persistantly refuses to record
Certificates of the Marriage of Freedmen, it will be
seen that such a course as indicated above, besides
being illegal, affords no security for the records of
the marriage of parties so married; besides, it is
an imposition upon the ignorance of the Blacks
in keeping with the many other impositions that
are daily being perpetrated upon them in this
section. I have notified one of the parties, a
Minister of the Gospel, that his course was improp
and that under the present condition of affairs
I should hold him responsible that a certificate
of marriage was filed in this Office - that one
was given to the parties, and the 3d. to be held
for future record by the Clerk of the Court.
Am I correct? If not please indicate what
Course would be proper.
A S Taylor
Lt & Supt B.F. & A.L.

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Office Supt B.F. and A.L.
Hamburg Sept. 6. 1866.

Capt. H.
A.A.G. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

Capt:

I have made no report of abandoned lands since I assumed the duties of this office, from the fact that I was informed by my predecessor that all such lands had been returned to their former owners. I find no records in this Office of any kind whatever, to indicate the correctness of the above, but by a Newspaper Notice published by Gov some month ago. I Rec three Tracts of such land advertised and Notice Given that rents would be collected if not applied for before a certain Given Time. Are the lands indicated still held as abandoned lands, and is it my duty to make the monthly return?

Respectfully Your Obt. Servant
A.S. Taylor
Lt. & Supt B.F. and A.L.

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Endorsement on letter from S.R. Duvall Supt. R.F. and A.L. Drew Ice Ark. (Monticello) stating the fact of a Boy named Bob Simpson having contracted with a party there, and afterward leaving - coming to Ashley County entering into a new contract with a second party - Said Bob Simpson owing the first part. Mr Burk, a sum of $90 dollars. - that he returned to Monticello. Asks information in his case.

Office Supt R.F. and A.L.
Hamburg Ark Sept 7. 1866

Respectfully returned with statement that the boy Bob simpson has agreed, that the

value of his interest in the Crops of Simpsons is to be appropriated for the payment of a debt due Mr. Burk. I am told by Mr. Simpson that the debt is $90., but the boy denies it being so much. I however told the boy that you would see that a fair settlement was made with Gen. Brooks, and if the value of the Crop came to more than the debt, you would see that he recd the overplus.

Yr Taylor
1st Lt & Supt R. F. and A. L.

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark Sep 30 1866

Capt Kelly
A2m. B. R F & L.
Little Rock.

Capt I have the honor to enclose herewith $2.30 being the amount of funds pertaining to Refugees and Freedmen Fund, that has come into my possession during the month of September 1866. I forwarded to you on the 18th inst. $14.65 in obedience to Circular No 9 Bureau R F & A L. dated Washington July 17, 1866 that being the first opportunity I had of sending my reports forward with any safety.

As yet I have received no receipts from you, and as a result, I report in my Account Current for September, the entire amount as still on hand. Should the receipts reach me, I will drop the amount on my next report.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Yr Taylor
1st Lt & Supt R F & L

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Office Supt. R.F. & A.L.
Hamburg Ark Sept 30 1866

Capt Kelly
A.A.A.G. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock.

Capt: I have the honor to transmit herewith Acct Current 2 copies. Also report of Persons and Articles Employed &c 2 copies. for the month of Sept: 1866.

Not having received any funds pertaining to appropriation from Congress I forward only one Report of Account Current pertaining to Refugees and Freedmens Fund.

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J S Taylor
1st Lt & Supt R F & A L

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Capt A.A.G.
A.A.G.
B. R.F. & A.L. Little Rock

Office Supt R F and A L.
Hamburg Ark. Sept 30 1866.

Capt: I have the honor to report that my files of Orders are incomplete. No order from Head Qrs of the Bureau at Little Rock since Circular 22 of May 23. have been received if any have been issued. I am also deficient in not having received Circulars No. 6. & 7. (Current series) of Bureau R F & A L. at Washington. In circular 15. Oct 25. 1865. from Bureau R F & A L. Little Rock, attention is called to a report required by Circular 5. par 7. I have no such Circular on file. I would respectfully request that my file be completed to date from your Office.

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J S Taylor
1st Lt & Supt R F & A L

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Williams

D H.
Capt and a.a.g.
B R F & A L.
Little Rock Ark.

Capt: I have the honor, to request that if possible to do so, the services of a teacher be secured, to open a school for the blacks in this place. No School have as yet been established in the County, and should an attempt be made, the party doing so, must expect strong opposition and prejudice. For this reason I would suggest that a male teacher be sent

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J S Taylor
1st Lt & Supt R F & A L

Office Supt R F & A L.
Hamburg Ark Oct. 1. 1866

McCrary

Thomas
Ashley Co Ark

Sir: You will please send to my office in Hamburg Ark, a colored Boy in your employ, named James McCrory, on Tuesday Oct. 2d. 1866. I desire to see him, in regard to a charge of his having got a cripple girl in a family way, and as the woman is physically unable to maintain herself left alone and with a child. Humanity demands that some steps be taken to provide for it. I would suggest that you do not inform him of the business, for which his presence is desired.

J S Taylor
1st Lt & Supt R F & A L

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The Boy Jim McCrory failing to appear on the time appointed. Oct 2d a soldier was sent to the plantation of Thomas McCrory to arrest him and bring him before the Agent of the Bureau McCrory informed the Soldier that he had settled up with the boy on the day previous, and that he (the Boy) had left for parts unknown. Case left for future action.

Griffin

Leonidas
Ashley Ark

Sir: It is with regret that I again have to turn my attention to your plantation. This morning a complaint comes to me that you whip the children of one of your employees Elizabeth Baker, and otherwise abuse them and her.

I would suggest that a more liberal Course would do away with all difficulties on your place. I send the woman back to you with the assurance that if you expect the contract to be complied with, it must be done by kindness on your part.

S G Taylor
1st Lt & Supt R F & A L.
Office Supt of R F & A L.
Hamburg Ark Oct 5th 186

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Adams
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Benjamin —

Sir,

Complaint having been made to me, that the Cotton gathered on the plantation of Miss Susan Harris (of which you have Control and in which you are interested) is being prepared for Market as fast as possible and about to be sent off so soon as it can be made ready for Market, Contrary to the Stipulations of Your Contract, Therefore You are hereby Commanded not to move,

nor allow to be moved, any of said Cotton from said plantation, until the whole Crop is gathered, prepared for market, and justly divided, Conformably with the Stipulations of said Contract, and with Justice to all Parties Concerned &c

Herein fail not under penalty of the Law Governing Such Cases

Respectfully &c

I Taylor
1st Lt & Supt of R. F. & A. L.

(42)
Christian and Willoughbey

Office Supt. of R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark Oct 8th 1866

Mrs Ladies,

The bearer hereof, Sam Porter Bl, has just informed me, that the freedmen on your plantation have no Rations and Consequently are unable to work. And he informs me also that the question arises between both of you, who it is that is bound to furnish said Rations, after maturely considering the Circumstances under which they are bound by Contract. It is almost impossible for me to say whether Mrs Christian or Mrs Willoughbey is bound to furnish the Rations individually, for the Remainder of the Year, but Conclude that it should be done Conjointly And therefore I hold that the Crop which they are now Gathering is Subject to the price of said Rations, and I shall so decide on final Settlement, And as it is impossible to work (or even to live) without eating let the Rations be furnished by either of you who Can, and I will on final Settlement See that neither of you shall lose all the Price of said Rations

Respectfully &c

I Taylor
1st Lt & Supt of R. F.
& A. L.

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Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark. Oct. 5th 1866

R. D.

Sir,

Complaint having been made to this office (by Green Holmes Col.) that during last year, he procured for you Sixty (60) lbs of meat, for the support of your family and at your special instance and Request, which must Cost him out of his wages $15.00 and that you now Refuse to Settle with him for the Same, If these facts be true, You are hereby Required to Settle with him on equitable terms, otherwise to Report at this office on Saturday the 13th Inst. and Shew Cause why Such Settlement should not be made

Respectfully &c
D S Taylor
1st Lt. & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

144,
Hughes

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark. Oct. 16th 1866

Wm

Sir,

You are hereby notified not to make any disposition of any of the Crop on your plantation Raised during the Year 1866, until the Claims for the labor which made Said Crop are all honorably adjusted and paid for.

Herein fail not under the penalty of the law governing Such Cases &

Respectfully &
D S Taylor
1st Lt. & Supt R. F. & A. L.

745,
Kirkpatrick

Office Supt. of R. F. and A. L.
Hamburg Ark. Oct. 16th 1866.

S. W.

Sir,

If I understand the Case Represented by the bearer, It is that you desire him to work for you at making Rails during such time, as he may not be required in his Crop, and that he declines to do so under the apprehension, that you are charging for rent of land, which he failed to Cultivate by Reason of Sickness and thus fears he will not Receive pay for his Services, I return the boy with the following instructions, his first attention must be to the Crop and during all the time he works in the Crop the Stipulations of the Contract as to feed must be Complied with, If he has time not Required in the Crop, he Can work for you or for any one else by his being paid for it, I infer you want his work, and I direct him to work for you, if you Remunerate him as well as other parties will.

As to the Rent of land which he failed to Cultivate from being sick, If I am in possession of the facts, it Cannot be Charged, If his family or himself Remain on your place and do not work for you and eat your Rations he must pay for them

Respectfully &c
D J Taylor
1st Lt. & Supt. of R. F. and A. L.

Adams

3. G.

Sir;

In the absence of Lieut Taylor I reply to your Communication of this date relative to the clothing of the hands on Miss Harris Plantation as I can find no copy of the contract in the office I will only state that if the contract Stipulates to furnish them clothing it must be done or an equivalent for the clothing paid them. But if the contract does not bind Miss Harris to furnish the clothing as a matter

of cours she need not do it and neather need the hands take any clothing unless such clothing as they will be satisfied with at the prices charged

Lut Taylor started last monday week to Little Rock to see Genl Sprague and will not be back before next Friday or Saturday

In conclusion I will say if Mrs Hanna is bound to furnish clothing and is prepared to do so and the hands refuse to take the same she cannot be compelled to pay for the same

John Carroll
Sgt Lut Taylor

Hdqrs Supt B F D & L
Hamburg Ark
Oct 2nd/66

Maynard

Genl O O
Com B B F & A L
Washington D C

Genl I have the honor to enclose herewith receipts for money pertaining to Refugees & Freedmens Funds forwarded to Bvt Lieut Col H Skinner A.A.G. at Little Rock Ark in the months of August & September 1866

These receipts have been delayed by the mail in reaching me until now

I have the honor to be Genl
Your Respectfully
your obt Servt
J S Taylor
Lt 13th Ohio & Supt B F & A L

Office Supt B F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Oct 2nd/66

Second Comptroller Treasury
Washington D C

Sir I have the honor to forward herewith Abst Current for the month of October pertaining to funds received and disbursed by me on account of Refugees & Freedmens Fund as Supt of D Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands for the County of Ashley State of Arkansas

I have the honor to be sir
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
A S Taylor
Supt B & F D A L

Office Supt B B F D A L
Hamburg Ark
Nov 2nd/66

Brevt Major John
Capt & A C Asst Adjt Genl
B B F D A L
Little Rock Ark

Major I have the honor to transmit herewith Monthly Report of Lands in the County of Ashley State of Arkansas for the month of October 1866.

No previous Reports of this character have been sent from this Office for the reason that I have not been in possession of accurate data from which to make them until the same was received from your office about the 19th or 20th of last month

I have the honor to be Major
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
A S Taylor
Supt B F & A L

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Skinner
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Brevt Lieut Col H
A. D. M. B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark

Col I have

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the honor to transmit herewith the following Reports & stimates
Act Current for October in duplicate
Estimate " " "
Report of Persons and Articals employed for October I made while at your office
I have the honor to be col
very Respectfully
Yours obt Servt
D. Taylor
Lieut 15th U.S.C. & Supt B.R.F. &c

Thomas

Office Supt B.R.F. & A.L.
Hamburg Ark
Nov 2nd/66

Brevt Major Genl &
Adjt Genl U.S.A.
Washington
D.C.

Genl I have the

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honor to report that in compliance with S.O. No 38. Dated Bureau Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands for the States of Mississippi Arkansas & Ind Territory. Little Rock Arkansas July 3rd 1866 I am on duty at Hamburg Arkansas as Supt & Provost Marshal of the B. of R.F. & A.L. for the County of Ashley

I have the honor to be Genl
very Respectfully
Yours obt Servt
D. Taylor
Lieut 15th U.S.C. & Supt B.R.F.
and A.L.

Skinner

Brevt Lieut Col H
A. A. G. M
Little Rock Ark

Office Supt B R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Nov 5th 1866

Col I have the honor to forward herewith Vouchers for Wood & Office Rent for the month of October 1866 The money for which if paid please send in Check or Memphis to my address at this place

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
S Taylor
Lieut 15th U S R C & Supt B R F & L.

Jackson & Rupert

Office B R F & A L
Hamburg Ashley Co Ark
Nov 8th 1866

Ashley Co Ark

Complaint having been made to me that the crop made by the Employees in your employ during the year 1866 is about to be moved and disposed of without payment of said hands

This is notify you that the payment of said hands is secured in the Contract by lean upon said crop. You are therefore hereby directed under penality of the Law not to remove or dispose of the crop now growing or being gathered on the plantation worked by you during the 1866 until all claims for making and securing said crop held by said Employees are satisfactorally settled and acquitted at this Office

S Taylor
Lieut 15th U S R C Supt B R F & L

Office Supt B R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Nov 13th/66

Pettrill

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M E
Hamburg Ark

Sir

The following complaints are made to me in regard to Your treatment of the hands on your plantation

1st You are charged with giving your hands as Rations meal and only 4 lbs of Beef Your Contract Stipulates good and substantial Rations This should be one peck of meal and 3/4 s 4 lbs of Bacon per week or if Beef be given not less than 6 lbs of Beef is an equivilent for a full ration of Bacon

2nd You are charged with making short rations in order to then selling the hands flour & Molasses to complete their supplies Thus virtualy compelling the hand to furnish himself

3rd That you have purchased a lot of Bro[ken] Scalry at low prices and are selling the hands at exorbitant prices

4th That you are working the men at making brick when the crop requires their attention

As to the correctness of these charges I know nothing, but the fact that they are made on seeming good authority, and it becomes my duty to assure you that while I earnestly hope the charges are incorrect if true unless remedied at once will lead you to serious trouble.

J S Taylor
Supt Bureau of Supp B R F & A L

Office Supt B R F & A
Hamburg Ark
Nov 18th/66

Brevt Major John
Capt & AC A A G
B R F & A L
Little Rock Ark

Capt I have the hon-
or to forward herewith account of Dr R M
Dickerson for Medical Services & Medicines
furnished Soldiers at this place from Sept
23d 1866 to Nov 28 1866 Which if found
Correct please forward for collection

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yours obt Servt
S S Taylor
Lieut 13th & AC Supt B R F & A L

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark Nov 22/66

Brevt Major John
Capt & AC A A A G
Little Rock Ark

In reply to commu-
nication (Rec'd to day) directing me to send
the names of three persons suitable to act as
Supt in this County in case of my trans-
fer to Arkansas county I have the honor
to forward the names of
Reuel A T Thompson
Samuel J Wiggins
Geo W Norman
I regard the above named parties as very
well competent and think that either of
them can take the oath

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully &c
S S Taylor
1st Lieut 13th & AC Supt B R F & A C

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Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Nov 30th/66

Brvt Col Henry
A A M
Little Rock

Sir I have the honor to
enclose herewith Fifteen dollars and Sixty
Cents being the amount due the U S on
account of Refugee & Freedmens Fund for
which I am accountable as per my act
current for the month of November 866
I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
S Taylor
Supt 13th Dist Supt R F & A L

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Nov 30th/66

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Brvt Col Henry
A A M
Little Rock Ark

Sir I have the
honor to transmit herewith the following
Reports
Act Current for the month of November /66
Report of Persons & Articles Employed in Novem ber
Estimates of Funds Required for month of
December
Act Current & Report of Persons & Articles em-
ployed in duplicate which if found correct
you will please forward one copy of each
to the 2nd Comptroller of the Treasury &
the Chief Disbursing officer of the Bureau
at Washington.
I have the honor to be
Very Respectfuly
your obt servt
S Taylor
Supt 13th Dist Return 3 27 66

Office Supt R & F A &
Hamburg Ark
Nov 30th/66

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Brevt Mayr Genl
Capt & A A G
Little Rock Ark

Sir I have
the honor to report that Henry Smith
the white man who shot Jerry Miller
a Colored man in this County in
August last the facts in connection
with which shooting I have previous
ly reported in Rept for September
has left this County and from
information Received is believed
to be at this time in Lincoln Co
Tennessee

The facts on which this belief is bas
are that Smith was seen at Grand
Lake on the Mississippi River a few
weeks ago by two reliable citizens of
this County and heard to say that he
was going to Lincoln County Ten
nessee

That the above mutg Gentlemen rode files
on the same boat from Grand Lake
to Memphis with Smith Smith leavg
the boat at Memphis and they going
on to St Louis

Smith is a man about 30 years of age
5 Feet 8 inches high Auburn hair and
whiskers slightly grey has a down
cast look and when in this county
generally went armed with a re-
volver conspicuously buckled about
him

If he can be arrested and brought to
justice a cool deliberate murderer
will have received his just due

I have the honor to be
Yr Obt Svt
R. Taylor
Lt Col & A A G

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Nov 30th/66

Brevt Major John.
Capt & A A G
Little Rock Ark

Sir I have the honor to respectfully request that Three male teachers be furnished to take charge of Schools on Plantations in this county

Reliable parties have applied to me for this number of teachers giving me the assurance that they shall be protected and good schools established and good boarding houses provided

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
A S Taylor
Capt 18th U S C Supt R F & A L

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Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Dec 10th 1866

James Giles

Sir You are hereby directed not to dispose of any portion of the cotton or crop made by you during the year 1866 now at the Gin. or in your possession until the Claims for the making of the said Crop or Wages now due from you for labor performed by freedmen in your employ during the year 1866 have all been adjusted and paid for at this Office

In the above you will not under penalty of the law

A S Taylor
Capt 18th U S C Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark

Kirkpatrick | J. H. M

Office Supt R F & A
Hamburg Ark
Dec 12th/6

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You are hereby directed not to permi
the Cotton at your Gin the property of Jame
Files or brought there by his order to be
removed until the lean had upon sai
Cotton by the Colored Employees who
made it has been adjusted and settle
at this office or until returned ordered
from this office

D S Taylor
Bvt Lt Col & A C Supt R F & A L

Office Supt R F & A
Hamburg Ark
Dec 12/6

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Brevt Major John
A A A G

Little Rock

Sir I have the hon Page
to forward herewith Contract for medi 38
ical services performed and to be perform
at this place with request that the same
may be properly forwarded for appr
val.

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I have the honor to forward herewith ac
counts for medical services rendered by
Dr R M Dickerson for a detachment
of the 19th U S I while on duty here con
ted as directed by the Medical direc
tor of the department and to respectfu
request that the same be forwarded
for settlement and pay,

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
D S Taylor
Bvt Lt Col & A C Supt R F & A

Office B R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Dec 24th/66

To Wells
Lieut

Your will Ship The cotton on The Harris Plantation belonging to The Employees that made it to The house of B Plumber and A Daniels New Orleans La in The name of D S Taylor 1st Lieut 13th U S C T Supt R F & A L Hamburg Ark.

D S Taylor
1st Lieut 13th U S C T Supt R F & A L

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Dec 31st/66

Col Kenny
A A G M

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Little Rock Sir I have the honor to forward herewith the following papers
Report of Persons and Articles Employed in December in Duplicate
Act Current for the Month of December in Duplicate
Abstract of Vouchers given in December Duplicate
Vouchers to John Carroll for sent in " "
" " Armond Leflise " " "

Should the above papers be found correct please forward the same to the proper officers at Washington after using such as you may require. For your own reports

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
D S Taylor
1st Lieut 13th U S C T

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Dec 31/66

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Col Henry
A A G M
Little Rock Ark

Sir I have the hon
or to enclose herewith ($16 80) Sixteen dollars an
Eighty cents being the amount of Reciepts
account of Refugees and Freedmens Fund
for the month of December 1866 for which
I am accountable to the US Treasury a
per my Act Current for December 1866

Reciepts for funds forwarded last month
have not been recieved by me

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
A S Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U S C Supt R F & A

Chavis W H

Sir Complaint having been ma
to me that you have had in your employ H
Savery a colored man whom you have wag
during the year without an approved con
tract and that now that the year is clos
you are endeavoring to pay him by allo
him a piece of land to which you cannot
make a good title

You are herby directed to pay to the
said Henry Savery $125.00 in Greenback
as you agreed at the commencement of
the year

In the above fail not under penalt
of the law

A S Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U S C Supt R F & A L

Office Supt
R F & A L Hamburg
Ark Dec 31/66

Agt Commissioner
Bureau R F & A L
for the State of Georgia

Sir Information
is desired of five colored children the father of
them named Hal (or Henry) Thornberg
resides in this County When last heard
from these children were living with Mr
James Radford 25 miles South of Macon
City Georgia and 2 miles from Jeffersonville in the State
The father of these children desires to find
and come for them if they can be found
If found any Information in regard to
them will reach the father through me

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
your obt Servt
A S Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U S C Supt R F & A L

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Dec 31st 1866

Capt John Taylor
Brevt Major Vol
41
A A A G
Little Rock Ark

Sir I have the hon-
or to acknowledge receipt of 200 Blank
Marriage Certificate

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
A S Taylor
1st Lieut U S C

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Office Supt R F & A L
Camden Ark
January 9th 1866

Tyler
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Col Henry

Sir I have the honor to return corrected Reports Persons and Articles Employed by me in the month of November
Sent in Duplicate

I am Sir Your
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
D S Taylor
Lieut 15th Iowa Supt R F & A L

Office Supt R F & A L
Camden Ark
January 4th 1866

Tyler
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Brevt Major John
A A A G
Little Rock

Sir I have the honor to forward herewith Leave of Absence of S B Higgins who I have selected as a suitable person to assist me in the Office as clerk and would recommend that he receive appointment as such

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
D S Taylor
Lieut 15th Iowa Supt R F & A L

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Jan 10th 1864

Capt John
Brevt Major Vol A A A G
Little Rock Ark

Capt I
have the honor to report that I am informed by a citizen named Miller who came from near Camden Ark that he paped on the road a party of U S Soldiers enroute for this place who were deserting and selling the mules and horses in their charge

Miller States that he paped the party on Moro Creek some 40 miles from here and that they then had but 6 men and 7 mules left It is now some ten days since Miller claims to have seen the party and no troops have yet arrived here

Miller papes here as a reliable man and the reliability of the above I can only vouch for on his statements

I have communicated the above information to Col Gilbert at Camden by mail and now communicate the facts to you that if troops have been ordered to this place an investigation may be made as to the truth of the above

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
A Taylor
Supt for Supt R F & A L

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Jan 12th/66

Messrs Gilmer Hopkins & Co.
New Orleans La

Gentlemen

Inclosed I
Ship to my address in care of Walker and
Dowling Marie Saline the net proceeds
($1003,75) of the 9 bales of Cotton sold
by you for the Freedmen on the
J & Christian Plantation in this
County and

Oblige yours Respectfully
S S Taylor
Supt Bu'd of RE Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ashley Co
Ark

Smith

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Office Supt. R. F. and A. L.
Hamburg Ark
January 24th 1867

Brevt. Col. Jas. R. Smith
Surgeon U. S. A.
Mod. Asst to Supt Ark

Little Rock Ark
Col in

reply to Communication from your office directing me to have Doc- R. M. Dickerson take the test oath and complete Contract as Contract Surgeon at this station I have the honor to state that Dr. Dickerson Cannot take said oath for indeed is there Surgeon in the County. that Can

I have the honor to be very Respectfully
your Obt. Servant
J. L. Taylor
1 Lut. 15th U.S.C. Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
January 24th 1867

Montgomery

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Maj: A. 2. M. U.S.A.
Chief. I. M. Dept. Ark
Little Rock Ark
Maj: I

have the honor to enclose herewith Receipt. Ms. Duplicate for ($50/) Fifty Dollars in check on Merchants National Bank Little Rock

For Connection herein I now state that No three Government Horses. have been at this Station Since Sept 1. 1866

over

And that Since about the 15th of December 1866. Neither Troops or Horses have been at this Station

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your Obdt. Servant

I S Taylor
Lieut 15 U.S.C. Cavalry R.F.&A.C.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
January 24. 1867

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Brvt. Maj. John
Capt. 1st U.S. A.A.A.G.
Little Rock Ark

Maj. I have the honor To report that my files of orders are deficient as follows Circulars No 25 & 26 and all other Circulars above No 31 issued during the year 1866 from head quarters of the Bureau at Little Rock Also Circulars No 6 & 8 and all other Circulars above No 18, issued from Bureau Dept. Bureau. R. F. & A. L. Washington

I have the honor to be
Very. Respectfully
your obt. Servt
I S Taylor
Supt N.C. R.R.C Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Jan 24" /67

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Brevt Col Henry
A A G M
Little Rock Ark

Col I have the
honor to correct and return Report of
Persons & Articles employed for the month
of December 1866

Reports of "Persons and Articles" for
November 1866 were corrected and sent
from this office Jan 6" 1866. Enclosed
I send Copies of the same
Vouchers for Rent to John Carroll
to December 7 were presented by me
for Signature but he refused to sign
them claiming rent to the end of
the month notwithstanding I
had left this office on the 7th of the
month to agreement of mine
found the Government for rent
for any longer time than I re-
mained in the office and I
refused to change the Vouchers
Mr Carroll has however came for-
ward since and Signed the Vouch-
ers and they will be forwarded
with Reports for January

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
A S Taylor
Bvt Lieut Col & A A G

Noble

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Brevet Col Henry
A. A. M.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark's
January 31. 1867

Little Rock Ark's

Sir I have the honor to transmit herewith the following papers
Report of Persons & Articles employed in Jan. in duplicate
Act. Current for January " "
Vouchers to John. Carroll for $12.33. in Triplicate
Vouchers to Armond Lefils $12 in Triplicate
" " Samuel B. Wiggins 75 " "
Abstract of Vouchers issued " ".

I have the honor to be very Respectfully
your Obt. Svt
I. L. Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U.S.C. Supt R.F. & A.L.

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Brevet Col Henry
A. A. M.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark's
January 31. 1867

Little Rock Ark's

Col I have the honor to forward herewith $16.00 Sixteen Dollars Amount due the U.S. Treasury as per My report of Act Current for January 1867

I have the honor to
be very Respectfully
your obt Servt
J. G. Taylor
1st Lieut. 15 O.V.C. Asst R. F. & A. G.

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Lieut G. McA C S
Camden

Office Supt R F & A
Nashville Ark
Jan 28th/63

Lieut I have the honor to enclose herewith Receipts for Stores forwarded for use of Detachment at this place

I enclose Copy of letter from Lieut col Montgomery directing me to expend funds in my hands for the handling these Stores and directing me to send Vouchers for the same to him

I deem it to be my duty to follow these instructions as they are of later date than those you send and shall therefore pay for the handling and forwarding Vouchers "Act current" & "Personal and Articles" employed as directed by Lieut col Montgomery

Please send by mail or return of the men who left this place yesterday with horses that are to return Consignary Blanks to enable me to return for the Stores and to issue the same I have no Blanks pertaining to Commissaries of any kind Nos 2 & 2 M Department are also desired to enable me to make returns of 2 M Stores

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
J G Taylor
1 Lieut 15 O V C Asst A C S

Montgomery
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Office Supt R Fds
Hamburg Ark
Jan 31st 1867

Brevt Col A
Col I have the honor to trans-
mit herewith Act current for the month
of January 1867
No Persons and Articles have been em-
ployed from the funds sent me dur-
ing the month but am informed
that Govt Stores are at Mobile Saline
Landing for the detachment at this
place Will proceed to hire teams at
once and take up the same on Returns
for February
I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
A S Taylor
Lieut 13th OVC A A A G

Montgomery
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Brevt Col A
Col

Office Supt R Fds A L
Hamburg Ark
Jan 31st 1867

I have the honor to request in-
structions as to Circular from your Dpt of
December 10th 1866
1st Is it the design under this circular
to turn over funds for the payment of all
expenses Clerk hire Office Rent and
incidental expenses.
2nd I have construed the circular to mean
that Estimates for funds required are to
be again made out. and therefore enclose
Estimate for February. Pleas give in-
structions if this is not correct.
I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
A S Taylor
Lieut 13th OVC Supt R F
A A A G

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Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Jan 31st 1867

Brevt Col Henry

Col I have the honor to enclose herewith $816.00 amt due the U S Treasury as per my Report & Act Current for the month of January 1867

I have the honor to be
&c

D S Taylor
Lieut 15th & 2d Supt R F & A L

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Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
January 31st 1867

Brevt Col Henry

Col I have the honor to transmit herewith the following papers
Report Persons & Articles in Duplicate
Act Current " "
Abstract Vouchers issued in Jan'y in Triplicate
Vouchers to John Carroll for $233 " "
" " Armond Sefiles " 120 00 " "
" " Samuel B Riggins " 75 00 " "
Found Correct & Pleas forward to proper officers at Washington Such as may be required to be so sent

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt servt
D S Taylor
Lieut 15th & 2d Supt R F & A L

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Major Genl O O Howard

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Jan 31st 1867

Genl I have the honor to report that in obedience to Special Order No 38 Dated Bureau Refugees F & A L Ro Mississippi Arkansas and

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Indian Territory Little Rock Ark July
3d 1866 I am on duty at Hamburg Ark
as Supt B R F & A L & Provost Marshal
I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yours obt Servt
A S Taylor
Lieut 15th Ills Cavy

Office Supt R F & A
Hamburg Ark
Jan 31st 1867

Brvt Col Chas G

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt from Camden of a six months Supply of Provisions for detachment at this place for which I have receipted to the A C S at Camden and would respectfully Request that I be furnished the requisit Blanks to enable me to return for and issue these Provisions
Instructions are desired for the issues of these same particularly as to the proper officer to authorize the issue.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
A S Taylor
Lieut 15th Ills Cav & A C S

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Jan 30th 1867

Brvt Major John

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Special Orders No 14 directing me to assume the duties pertaining to the Bureau of R F & A L in the Counties of Drew and Bradley and to take charge of the records of the late Gen Supt Office
I am in receipt of Special com

munications from Capt Barker which
led me to infer that he is still on
duty at Monticello I shall however
proceed to obey the order and take
charge of the papers as directed retaining
Head Quarters at this place until fur-
ther orders

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
D S Taylor
Lieut & C Supt R

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.

Clarke Frank

Sir

Complaint is made at
this office that you have failed to settle
for the year 1866. With Hamilton, Courtney
& Co of your employes during that year
You are hereby directed to report
at this office prepared to settle in
full on Saturday July 6th 1867

D S Taylor
1st Lieut, 15th U.S. Supt Ks. F. & A. L.

See M. B P 15

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
July 4. 1867

General

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of Janry 24th
and in reply would respectfully state
that I have notified Numbers of the
leading Men in the County and shall
continue to inform others as I see them
of your designs of removing the Negroes

unless they make some move to put a
stop to outrages in the County what effect
will be produced by this thereat and removal
remains yet to be seen I hope the people
of Ashley County May be induced through its
influence to so act as to secure the Blacks
in their rights and render this County a
more desirable residence for both Black
and White should the Freed people be
removed by Steam Boats I would suggest
that the most convenient points for the Blacks
in the Eastern portion of the County would
be for the Boat to ascend the Bayou Bartholomew
alternate and receive the steppes at Popple
Bluff & Portland at which points they
could undergo the bulk of the negro
Population in the County resides on the
Bayou and small Boats can assend it
as a general rule until the last of April
Many Saline Landing on the Ouachitta River
should be the points for the southern end
of the County While Long Prairie on the Saline
River should be the point for the western
portion of the County Boats of a Character
that can ascend the Bayou Bartholamew
and Saline Rivers in the latter part of
the Season can Carry from 300 to 400 persons
with there effects the negro population
in the County I estimate at 1800 - 1338 hands
Male and Females were under Contract in
the County in 1866. I estimate the number
who worked without Contract at 300 and
the Children too small to work in the County
at 400 making a total of 1900 It is an
entire safe estimate to state the decreas
in the County by reason of removal out of
it at 100 leaving 1800) Five Boats capable
of carrying 360 persons with there Baggage
would remove these people for the County
A larger class of Boats can assend
the Ouachitta to Many Saline Landing and

from

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by Collecting the Foreman at this point- a fiewer number of Boats would be required, Should they be removed by Wagons &. would suggest Hamburg as the most Central point- of rendezvous and allowing one Wagon to every 6, 8 & 10 persons and there effects. it would require 300 Wagons to remove these people from this County-

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully your
Obt. Servt. R. E. Supt. R. F. & A. L.

J. J. Taylor

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
January 31.st 1867

Major

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I have the honor to request instructions and decission in the following Case One William. Linsley Made Contract in the year 1866. With 6 Freedmen agreeing to pay them Stipulated Wages The Freedmen complied with the Contract But- Linsley died before the Completion of the Contract The Administrator of the Linsley Estate in Settling the Estate Came to the office Settled with the freedmen and brought- the Estate out indebted to the Freedmen in the sum of $345.92 I have had an interview with the Judge of the County Court With the view of obtaining an order from the Court- to have the Money paid This the Judge assures me cannot be done holding that under the laws of the State of Arkansas the Negros Claims for Wages is a Third or fourth Class Claim and cannot be paid until all other claims are of a prior Class are adjusted, Under this decission, should the

The Estate pro rata indebtment - the freedmen must lose pro rata of his wages notwithstanding one of the items of assets belonging to the Estate is the cotton and corn which their labour made during the year 1866. I insisted to the Judge that the contract under which these negroes worked bound the administrator to pay the hands as soon as the crop was sold for the following reasons That in that contract there was an effords stipulation which the deceased in his life time had agreed to perform, namely "to pay the wages agreed to on or before the expiration of the contract or at the final disposal of the crop" That this effords stipulation was binding upon the heirs and administrator to carry out the same as it would have been on the party himself had he lived I now refer the matter to you for instructions 1st Shall I probate the negroes claims and loan them subject to the debts of the foregoing decision or

Shall I proceed under the Military authority to collect the negroes Claims from the Estate The decision of this Case is desired in order to ascertain whether in the opinion of the Asst Commissioner the negroes Claims for Wages under Contract made by the Bureau is a lean upon the crop giving the negroe a preference of right to be paid before other Claims,

Judge Lawson assures me that the negroes Claims shall receive impartial justice in accordance with the laws of Arkansas

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully &c
D S Taylor
1 Lieut 15. U.S.C. Asst A. Q.

Office Supt. B. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
February 6th 1867

Brd

General G. O. C.

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of January 24 and
would respectfully State that its instructions
shall be promptly and vigorously carried
into effect to the extent of the means at
My disposal.

The most Convient points for removal
of the Blacks by Boat would be for those
in the Eastern Section of the County to be
assembled at Popular Bluff & Portland
on the Bayou Bouthamon and from there
removed via. of Ouachitta & Red River

Those in the Western & Northern Section
of the County should rendezvous at Long
River on the Saline River & those in the
Southern end of the County should assem
ble at Mercy, Saline Landing on the Ouach
itta River Small boats Can ascend those
Streams untile in April and are Capable
of Carrying from 300 to 400 persons with their
effects The Black population of the County
is about 1800 five Boats Capable of carr
-ying 300 persons with There effects would
remove this people from the County

If removed by Wagon Hamburg should
be the point of Rendezvous By transport
ing the effects the infirme and Children
and permitting the able bodied to walk
One Wagon to Carry 12 persons would be
Sufficeent. for 150. Wagons

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
your obt. Servant
D S Taylor
1 Lieut. 15 U.S.C. Supt B. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
February 7. 1867

Jessee. Pugh (colrd)

You are hereby directed to appear at this office in the Town of Hamburg with a Child named Frances Pugh for the purpose of an investigation as to your right to Control said Child

See B M O No 2

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
February 7. 1867

Messrs. Gibson Hopkins & Co
New. Orleans
La

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Package of Money in payment of Sales of Cotton for Freedmen on the Christian Plantation and to further state that I opened the Package immediately on its receipt. in the presence of Mr Walker of the firm of Walker Dowling & Co and find one one of the $250. on packages short $10-

Hoping this may be satisfactorily adjusted

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt. Svt.
S S Taylor
1st Lieut. 15 U.S.C. Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office D. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
Feby - 8/67

Thompson

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Bob. Thompson (Colored)
Complaint has
been Made at this office that Without-
Cause you are retaining in your posses-
sion the Clothes of Hannah A. Seeman
This being True you will deliver to the
Bearer these Clothes, or come to this
Office Show sufficient Cause for
Such retention.

J J Taylor
1st Lieut 15 U.S.C.T. Asst. A. F. & A. L.

See B M B 2.

Keny

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I John Keny Private Co I,
28 U.S.I. do Solemnly Swear That on
Monday February 4th 1867. While enroute from
Magnie Salines Landing on Ouachita
River in Company with another Soldier
Named James Brady We being a guard
over a Government Wagon Loaded with
Forage which We were transporting from
Magny Salines Landing on Ouachita River
to Hamburg The Horses in the Team
refused to pull and were so Worn out
as to be unable to draw the Load so that
Myself & Brady determined to send to
Hamburg for fresh Mules to take the load
through. Brady took one of the Horses
from the Team and left me to guard
the Wagon until he should return Brady
left me about Nine o'clock in the Morning
of the 4th & remained at my post Guarding
the Team. Wagon & Forage until about 9 o'clock
Next Morning. When a Man Named Murphy
Came along with a Team and Stalled
near My Wagon and Murphey asked me
to help him out - While We were helping
to get Murphys Team out a Man Named

William, Brown Came up with a Team
as Brown Came at he remarked to me you
Damed Son of a Bitch if you had made that
horse stood as ellen they would not have
got into the Mud hole We prayed Mr. ellen thers
Team out When he

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
Febuary 12th 67

Brevet. Col. Henry.
A. A. A. G.
Little. Rock Ark

Col I have the
honor to acknowledge Receipt of one copy of
the Bureau Officers Manual this day by
Mail

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
I J Taylor
1st Lieut. 15 U.S.R.C. Supt. R. F. & A. Ls

Office. Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
Febuary 12th/67

Brevt. Col Henry
A. A. A. G.
Little Rock Ark
Col

I reply to
Circular Letter from your office of Jany 31st 1867
I have the honor to report that none
of the rooms rented by the Bureau at
this place are used by me as sleeping
Rooms or quarters and to explain that
in renting Mr Lefels rooms. I rented
own

the building having in it two small Rooms that if in one room would afford no more room than is require for the demands of the office

I have however since receipt of instructions confining the office of Agents to one room. Made an arrangement with Mr Lefiles for the use of his largest room at Ten Dollars per Month and will do report in Articles Employed for February"

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
B S Taylor
1st Lieut, 15 U.S.C. Supt R. Fr. & A. L. 81

Febuary 12th/67

Samuel Bull a Minor having been put under contract with L.C. Wilson by his Mother Hettie Bull for the year 1867 you are hereby directed to deliver said Samuel Bull to his Employer or authorized agent for the obtain the same

B S Taylor
Lieut 15 U.S.C. Supt B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Supt. R. Fr. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
February 13th/67

Brvt Col. Henry -

Col I have the honor to enclose herewith Check on the Merchants National Bank ~~No~~ 129 Little Rock Ark No 129 for $50 00/100 Which Which was received by me some days ago and which on examination in attempting to use it I discover is not signed by the party making the same and I infer is an Error in date as it is dated Jany 7 - 1866

When I presume it was intended to be 1867
I would respectfully request signature
and Correction

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
B J Taylor
1 Lieut 15th U.S.C. Supt R. F. & A. L.
& A. A. A. Genl.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
February 15th 67

Adjt. 28th Adjt. 28th U.S.I.
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I have the honor to report
That Two of the horses recently sent to
this station have died and that a
third one is in an entirely unserviceable
condition one of those horses died on the
road Mule on the return from Camden
the other died on the road to Monticello
after the Records and property pertaining
to the 63rd Dist. Supt of this District Which
were removed to this station
I would respectfully request that
4 fresh horses be sent me as the
three now here are useless
I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
B J Taylor
1 Lieut U.S.C. Supt R. F. & A. L.

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Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark.
Feby 15th/67

Col. Flint

I have the honor to forward herewith affidavits in the case of the robbery of a Government Wagon near Merrie Saline Landing in this County,
On the arrival at Merrie Saline Landing of the 6th months Supplies of Subsistance and Page
forage for this station I had but Two, 2 67
horses to use in the team team. I hitched
Two, 2, Mules and went with them thus form-
ing a team with which to assist in bring-
ing out the supplies. In bringing up
the last load as will be seen by the testam
The horses gave out and one of the Guards
came into Town to get assistance. I procu
Two, 2, Mules and sent them at once & brou
in the load and among at the place whe
the Wagon was hualted; the accompanying
Guards found the man who remained
behind gone and property to the value of $160.00
Dollars gone; and the mules & horses running
loose in the woods; When these facts was
made known to me I took a Squad of
Men under a Sergt and went in search of
the Soldiers. Whom was found in the Morn
of the 7th at the house of Ellerspkey in Compan
with Brown; Brown made his escape
but Ellerspkey and the soldiers were brought in
I placed a Warrant in the hands of the Sher
for the arrest of Brown but to date he
is not found I also caused a Search
Warrant to issue to search for the Grain
at Mr Leon Gray's Store but it was not
found, I released Ellerspkey in bonds
the testimony subject to your instructions
All the property taken except the
Grain has been recovered found in

Broom's Wagon at Mcmurphys house. I think I shall get recover the grain or its Value

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
D J Taylor
1st Lieut 15 U.S.C. Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F & A. L
Hamburg Ark Feb 18/67

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Col

I have the honor to forward here with affidavits in the case of the Hanging of the Negro Man Reported by me in my December report. At the time I reported this Case My information was that the man who was hung was named Thompson and that it was done in Arkansas As will be seen by the affidavates the Mans name is not Thompson, but Peter Cole, That the act was done just across the line in Louisiana but is believed to have been perpetrated by a party of men Terming themselves Capt. Sticks "Company" Who are said to be organized for the Suppression of Crime and Number from 30 to 80 and that they reside in Louisiana & Arkansas

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your Obt Servt,
D J Taylor
1st Lieut. 15 U.S.C. Supt R. F & A.L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
Febuary 19. 1867

Lieut. E.

Sir

Samuel Griffen having complained to me, that you have in your Charge a Colored Child named Ellen of which he is the Father and that you refuse to give her up to her parent

You are hereby directed to deliver To said Samuel Griffen his Child as he is the legal party having the right to Control Ct In the same

Very Respectfully &c
D S Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U.S.C. Supt R. F. & A. L.

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See B. M. B. 5

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Feb 19th/67

Mack

H. B. Mackey Esq

Sir

Complaint having been made in this office by Henry Ragan Colored that you will not settle with him. you are therefore directed to attend on next Saturday the 23 of this month, at this office and make the Settlement. with said Freedman

Must. Respectfully &c
D S Taylor
1st Lt. 15th U.S.C. Supt R. F. & A. L.

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See B. M. B. 6

Office Supt B. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
Feb 22. 1867

To J. L. DeGampert or agent—

you will deliver the Boy Samuel. Charles to his mother as she is the person has the right to contract for him
It was not known at the time of contracting for his name was put on contract Charles Tillo and for proof his name proper, is Samuel Charles Which shows fraud in the Boy assuming another name

Most Respectfully
A. S. Taylor
Supt B. F. & A. L.

See B M B 7

Office Supt. B. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
Febuary 28"/67

Mrs. J. L. DeGampert

Madam

In the case of the boy Charles I have the honor to State that having placed him on your husbands contract as an Orphan I regard him as bound to fulfill his Contract notwithstanding his Mother has now been found When the Contract expires his Mother may claim him and his Wages are to be controled by them

In Consideration of the past Separations of this people it May be a question Whether we ought not to forego, personal feeling and interest in order to permit Parents and Children to be reunited and if Consistant with the interests of your husband this Boy Can be released from his contract and permitted to join his Mother I doubt not We should have done a liberal act- toward the Mother and Child

The order issued by My assistant was done in My absence, and his brief experience in the office must be offered as his excuse

I have the pleasure to be
Very. Respectfully
your obt. servant
I S Taylor
1st Lieut. 15 U.S.I. Supt. R. Fgt.

See B & B. 7.

Office. Supt R. Fgt A.C.
Hamburg Ark
February 28th/67

Montgom Col. A.

I have the honor to transmit herewith
71 the following papers Pertaining to the
2. Md. Dept.

Act. Current	In Duplicate
Abstract Vouchers	One Copy
Vouchers to. A.B. Wiggins	" "
" " N.M. Farr	" "

In obedience to instructions I forward one Copy of Vouchers With the return and Will forward the Duplicate by Next Mail.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt. Serv.
I S Taylor
1st Lieut. 15 U.S.I. Supt R. Fgt
A.A. Q. M

Office Supt. R. Fr. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
July 28th 1867

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Brevt Col Henry
A. Q. M.
Little Rock Ark

Col I have the honor to transmit herewith the following papers which if found correct please forward to Washington

Return Q. M. Stores pertaining to B. R. & A. L. in duplicate -

Abstract "D" One Copy
Vouchers to Abstract D- " "
To Henry Lee for $6.00
" Charles Hilsell $ 3.00
" B. F. Rice 10.00
Vouchers to above parties for one in duplicate
Abstract "L" One Copy
Vouchers to Abstract L " "

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
D J Taylor
1st Lieut 15 U.S.C. Supt R. Fr. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. Fr. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
July 28th 1867

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Maj Genl M. C
Q. M. Genl U. S. A.
Washington
D C

Genl I have the honor to transmit herewith the following papers Pertaining to the Q. M. Depart
Report Q. M. Stores for February in Duplicate
Abstract "E" One Copy
Abstract "G" " "
Vouchers to Abstract "G" " "

Abstract L ... One Copy
Vouchers to Abstract L " "

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
D S Taylor
1st Lieut 15th N.E. Supt Asst. Q. M.

Office Supt. B. Forts, &c
Shreveport La
Feby 28th/67

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Col.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the following papers which if found correct after casing such as may be required at your Office please forward to the proper officer at Washington

Vouchers & Articles Employed In Duplicate
Act. Current
Vouchers to S. B. Biggins for $75.00 " "
" " A. Lefiles " $10.00 " "
" " Ferrel Hunter " 5.00 " "

Please send funds hereafter in Checks on New Orleans Banks as Checks on Little Rock Banks cannot be used here without trouble and discount. If this cannot be done parties interested direct me to say that they prefer sent in Currency at their rate

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
D S Taylor
1st Lieut 15th N.E. Supt B Forts &c

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Brev. Col Henry
A.A.G. Mil. Little Rock
Ark

Hamburg Ala
February 28th/67

Commissary Gen. Subsistence

Washington D.C.

Sir I have the
honor to transmit herewith Return
of Provisions received and issued by me
in the Month of February 1867
I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt. Servant
J J Taylor
1st Lieut. 15. U.S.C. Capt A.D.C. & Actg
A.C.S.

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ala
March 7th/67

Hamelton

Sir

Jackson Smith (Colrd) complains
that you have failed to settle with him for
his Services in the year 1866. You are here
by directed to appear at this office on Saturday
March 16th 1867 prepared to settle in full

J J Taylor
1st Lieut U.S.C. Capt. R. F. & A. L.

See B M B 5

Office Supt R. F. & A. L
Hamburg Ark
March 3. /67

Col to

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Richard

Sir

Mariah Noland Complains that She is entitled to an interest in some Cotton made by her Mother which she as the heir is entitled to. Pleas call at this office at your earliest convenience and give me such information as will enable a just arrangement of the Matter or arrange the Matter Satisfactorily with her

I am Sir Respectfully
S. E. Jaynes
1st Lieut 15th U.S. Supt R. F. & A. L.
Lt L. B. Noyes Ch

See B M B 9

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L

Col

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I have the honor to transmit herewith the following papers Pertaining to the 2d. M. Dept.

Act- Current — In Duplicate
Abstract-Vouchers — One Copy
Voucher to L. B. Noyes " "
" " Wall Paper " "

In obedience to instructions I forward one Copy of Vouchers with the returns and will forward the Duplicate by next Mail

Office Supt. B. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
March 5th/67

Genl W. M. Gorman,
Judge of the 2nd Judicial Circuit
Sir

I have the honor to call attention to the enclosed affidavit- in regard to an alledged outrage perpetrated on the person of James Ford, A Citizen of Color lately of Drew County now resident in this County, After the assault upon him Ford and wife fled to this County and reported to me, It is desireable that the Civil Court and officers attend to act of this character and I refer the case to you, As I am not known to any of the Civil officers in your County and hope you will refer it to the proper officer, and have the matter looked into at once Pleas inform me of the action taken in the case,

The names of Witnesses for Prosecution are

Geo. Bass
Mrs. Bass
Judy Collins (Colrd)
Ambrus. Collins "

I have the honor to be
Very. Respectfully
your obt Servt
J. J. Taylor
1st Lieut. 5th U.S.C. Supt. B. F. & A. L.

See B M B 10

Hamburg Ark
March 6th/67

Brevet Brig. Genl Bacot Col A.
Chief Q. M. Dept of the Ark
Little Rock Ark

Col.

I have the honor to transmit the accompanying

To the Brothers given D. B. Wiggins & W. H. Ware
one Copy of each of which was sent you by last
Mail along with My Let: Current for July 186

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
your obt Serv
J S Taylor
1st Lieut 15 U.S.C.T. A.A.G. 2. Mil

Office Supt. R. Frdt. L.
Hamburg Ark
March 7th/67

Wilson G. W.

Sir

116 Complaint is made to me by Sarah Steen, Colrd, from your plantation that you on Jerry Whitten assaulted her and choaked her

I had hoped that complaint from your plantation would cease, But as the same cause pressed last year seems about to be repeated in the year 1867, It becomes my duty to inform you that the Contract approved at this office in your name, Under the impression that said Contract was a Contract from Wm. Wilson. and is therefore declared Cancelled for the following reasons.
1st Settlement has not yet been made with the hands on your place for the year 1866
2d I regard you as coming under the head of Paragraph 2nd of enclosed Circular, and in obedience thereto should not have approved your Contract for you had I known it was your contract. I was approving

Respectfully &c
J S Taylor
1st Lt. 15 U.S.C. Supt R. Frdt, L

See B M B 12

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L
Hamburg Ark
March 7th 1867

Jessie [illegible]

James. Haynes (colored) desires that settlement of his contract at this office

You will appear at this office on Saturday March 16th 1866 prepared to settle in full with the hands on your contract in 1866

J S Taylor
1st Lieut 15 U.S.C. Supt R. F. & A. L

Office, Supt. R. F. & A. L
Hamburg Ark
March 8th 1867

William

Sir

Patience Simpson complains that the Settlement made at this office between yourself & her was incorrect that she purchased nothing during the year plase call at this office on Saturday March 12th 1867. and Adjust the Matter

J S Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U.S.C. Supt R. F. & A. L

Office, Supt. R. F. & A. L
Hamburg Ark
March 9th 1867

Lieut Mason.

Gentlemen

Your letter of February 19th is received I have the honor to reply that I paid Walker & Dowling as follows. Jst. on $1003.75 1/4 of at $5,00 Charges per B. of L - 10.00

$15.00

I enclose copy of Charges receipted by Walker & Dowling. the original of which is on file in this office, I enfer that the insurance

has been paid twice. As it will be seen that I paid Walker & Dowling $15. and Levy which was charged to Steamer Vicksburg as p (B.L) And that in addition to these $15. one of the packages was $10.00 short thus making it cost the Freedmen $25.00 to get the returns of Sales from New Orleans. Hopeing this matter may be adjusticed

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
your obt. Servt
S S Taylor
1st Lt 15th U.S.C. Capt A.A.A.G.

Offices Supt. R. Affairs
Vicksburg Miss
March 11th/67

Hon Comm'r
Bur'd.

Sir

I have written you two letters in regard to the Freedmens Cotton Claim in this place but have received no reply The freedmen are restless under the delay and I deserve some information as to what has been done. Has Adams been found Some action should be taken at once towards a settlement of this case. Otherwise my duty will require that I bring about a settlement through the agency of the Bureau

I have the honor to be
Respectfully
S S Taylor
1st Lt. 15th U.S.C. Asst A.A.A.G.

Office. Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
March 18" 1867

Miss R. M.

Sir

Holland Menchin complains that he has not received the clothing due him and formaly on settlement made at this office - you will please adjust this matter or call at this office and settle. There seems to be a difference in regard to Leather and Dove Bills, all should be adjusted

D S Taylor
1 Lt. 15. U. S. C. Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office. Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
March 14" 1867

B

Sheriff. Ashley. Co.
Ark

Sir I have the honor to invite the attention of the Civil officers of Ashley. Co. to the perpetration of an assault with (Believed) intent to Kill by one Henry Bays upon the person of a Colored Citizen of Ashley County named Garrison Caine. Said Bays resides a few miles below Poplar Bluff, Said Assault was Committed sometime last fall

Witness for Prosecution
Dr. T. L. Moore
" Page
George Barlow
Garrison Cain. Colored
Milley. Cain "

I have the honor to be very Respectfully
Your obt. Svt.
D S Taylor
1 Lt. 15 U S C. Supt R. F. & A. L.

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Office Supt. B. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ashley
March 18th/67

Brvt. Al Henry
A. A. A. G.
Little. Rock

Col in reply
77 to Communication from your office of
March 3." 1867. Directing the forwarding
of requisition for Blank. Books. I have
the honor to reply that this office has
a sufficient Supply of Blank Books
for present. use

I S Taylor
1st Lt. 15 U.S.C. Supt B. F. & A. L.

Office Supt B. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ashley
March 19." /67

Gilbert
W. A.
Pres Atty 2" Judicial District

I have the hono
to call attention of the civil officers of Drew
Co. to an assault and brutal treatment
of a Colored Man Named George Walker
Committed near Lacy in Drew County Ark
on the 24th of November 1866. by the follow
parties.
Thos. Grubbs
Wiley. Hale
James. Daniel
Peter. Wilson
and Others
Witness for prosecution
Doc. Powell
Samuel. Grubbs
Dave. Richardson
Dan. Daniels
Alexander Daniels
} Colored

Must Respectfully

1st Lieut 15th U.S.C. Supt B. F. & A. L.

I have the honor to be
I S Taylor 1st Lt 15 C

Office Supt. B. Frd A.L.
Hamburg Ark
March. 21. 1867

Hon. W. F. [illegible]
Prosecuting Atty
2nd Judicial Circuit.

Sir

I have the honor to invite attention of the Civil officers of Ashley County to an assault Whipping and probable death to an unborn child. produced by said Whipping committed by John. Shearren near Popular Bluff Ashley County Ark. during the fall of 1866.

Witnesses for Prosecution

Fanney. Green } Colored
Joseph. Daniels }

John. Robinson

J. L. Taylor
1st Lt. 15th U.S.C. Supt B. Frd A.L.

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Office Supt. B. Frd A.L.
Hamburg Ark
March 26th 1867.

Brevt Col Henry
A. A. Genl
Little Rock Ark

Col I have the

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honor to Correct and return Vouchers and Abstract. F. as directed intended to accompany My Return of Q. M. Stores pertaining to Bureau B. F. & A.L. for the month of February 1867

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J. L. Taylor
1st Lt 15th U.S.C. Supt B. Frd A.L.

Office Supt R. Fds & A. L
Hamburg Ark
March 26" 1867

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Brevt. Lol Henry
A. 2. Ill
Little Rock Ark

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Col I have
the honor to return Corrective Returns of
2. Ill. Stores

This return pertains to property
which I return for as at A. 2. Ill &
I am cognizant of any authority requiring
the return to be Made & forwarded in Triplicate. My attention is invited to Sec 2 Par
2 Officers Manual, but my Copy of the Manual reads, "To be forwarded in Duplicate
" I however return these papers in Triplicate as directed, in the belief that there
is authority for this requirement other
than the Sec & Par referred to

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt. Servt

1 Lieut. 15 US C. Supt R. Fds & A. L

Office Supt R. Fds & A. L
Hamburg Arks
March 24"/67

Craine Col James. G.
Chief Cons. Sub Dept of the Ark
Little Rock Ark

Pleas in

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forme me if any changes have been made
in the returns since to troops differing from
that in R. A. Regulations and if any changes
have been made informe me What the returns
now is

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
J. J. Taylor
Lieut 15 US C. A. C. S. Hamburg

Office Supt B. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
March 26th/67

Page | Brevt Col Henry
A. A. G.
Little Rock Ark

128 | Col I have the honor to Correct and return "Return of Q. M. Stores for the Month of Febuary" 1867 Which if now found Correct please forward to Washington
I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
J S Taylor
1st Lieut 15 U.S. A. A. A. G.

Office Supt B. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
March 25th/67

Pierce | Brevt Lieut Col U. S. A.
A. A. G.
Little Rock

129 | Col I have the honor to Sign and return Receipts for Two Horses & Two Head Saddles
I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your Obt Servt
J S Taylor
1st Lieut 15 U.S. Infy Supt
& A. A. G.

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Office Supt B. Trs & A
Hamburg Ark
March 24th/67

Forde Lieut George H.
28th U.S.I.
A. C.O. Dept of the Ark
Little Rock

Sir. I have
the honor to sign and return Receipts
for Ordenance Stores this day received
I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt.
I S Taylor
1st Lieut 28th Supt B. Trs & A.C.

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Office Supt. B. T. & A. C.
Hamburg Ark
March 31st/67

Chief of Ordenance. Genl.

I have the honor to respectfully
request a supply of Ordnance Blanks to
enable me to make returns of Ordnance
Stores for which I am responsible
I have the honor to be
Very. Respectfully
your obt. Servt
I S Taylor
1st Lieut 28th Inf. Supt B. Trs & A.C.
Hamburg Ark

Chief of Ordnance
Washington
D. C

Office. Supt B. Frdt L
Hamburg Ark
March 31" 1867

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Brvt Lt Col Henry
A.A.G. Little Rock Ark

Col I have the
honor to request supply of 2 ell. Blanks No 2 &
for use in this office
I have the honor to be
very. Respectfully
your obt. Servt
J J Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U.S. Supt B Frdt L

Office. Supt. B. Frdt L
Hamburg Ark
March 28" /67

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Adjt 28" U.S. A
Camden Ark

Sir I have the honor

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to state that the detachment of you command on duty
at this Station is badly in want of clothing.
I enclose a list of the names of those that require
clothes & the articles. If this clothing can be issued
by Company Commanders at Camden and shipped
to me via. Marie Saline Landg. Sending with the
Clothing Blank Receipts Rolls, I will superintend
the distribution of the clothing have properly fill up
have signed and witnessed the Clothing Rolls - and
return the same through you to the Company Comm
anders for them use in making their returns
If this arrangement cannot be made pleas inform
me that I may forward requisition and obtain
the clothing & issue the same. In case I have to
obtain & issue the clothing Descriptive list should
be furnished, to enable me to charge the clothing
thereon. As the Detachment is badly in want partic
ularly of shoes. I hope this may receive early attention
I have the honor to be Respectfully
J J Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U.S. Infy Supt B.R. Frdt L

Thomas, Capt & A.A.G.

Office Supt B. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark's
March 31st 1867

Capt & A.A.G. U.S.A.
Washington D.C.

Gen'l

I have the honor to report that in obedience to Special Orders No 41, dated Bureau R. F. & A. L. In Arkansas & Ind. Territory. Little Rock Ark's Jan 12th 1867. I am on duty at Hamburg Ark's as Supt B. R. F. & A. L. for the Counties of Ashley, Drew & Bradley State of Arkansas

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
your obt. Serv't
J. J. Taylor
1st Lt. 15th U.S. Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark's
March 31st/67

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Boies, Col Henry
A.A.G. dd
Little Rock Ark's

Col I have

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the honor to transmit herewith the following

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papers which is found correct (please forward such as may not be required for your use) to Washington

Report of Persons & Articles Employed in March 1867 2 Copies
Act Current for March 1867 " "
Vouchers to A. Lefferty, Esq $10. " Triplicate
" " S. B. Wiggins $75 " "
Report of Stores Pertaining to B. R. F. & A. L. " "
Abstract Sp. & Vouchers thereto One Copy each
Report of Stores Pertaining to Ind. Dept. In Triplicate
Abstract Sp. & Vouchers thereto One Copy each
Invoice property Rec'd & Issued (2 Horses)

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Quarterly Return of Stores for the Quarter ending March 31st 1867 One Copy

By placing to the Credit of L. L. Moore Merchant here, in the 1st National Bank Little Rock the amount of the enclosed Vouchers $85,00. Mr Moore will pay said amount here this arrangement is desired for the mutual advantage of all parties as it obviates the necessity of transmitting funds back and forth Mr Moore will pay over the money here as soon as Notice is received that he has the amount Credited to him at Little Rock His letter to Cashier of Bank enclosed explains this part of the transaction

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
D S Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U.S.C. Supt R.F. & A.L.

Office. Supt R. F & A.L.
Hamburg Ark
April 13th 1867

Welsh

Capt J. W.
10. U.S.C.
Little Rock Ark

Sir I send

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With this to Pine. Bluff 4 Colored Recruits named
Edmund Douglas
Henry Moore
Oliver. Arnett Dunlap
Lester. Simpson
The Soldiers who accompany these recruits to Pine. Bluff are instructed to turn them over there to Brvt Maj H. D. Jones Supt B. R. F & A.L. And a letter from me to the Maj requesting him to Telegraph you if there being there any reason for pursuing this course is that I have sent the supplies to subsist them here or in the absence of instructions. I do not feel

authorized to contract for their board here

Please inform me upon the following points.

1st Can I contract for the board of recruits here while retaining them preparatory to obtaining a squad sufficient to send away, and will said act. for board be paid by yourself in presentation. If so please give requisit instructions.

2" Will the fact of recruits being under Contract to labor for parties during the present year prevent their enlisting.

If the first can be done & the second be no obstacle to Enlistment. Numbers of recruits can be obtained in this County.

Leave to be

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J S Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U.S.C. Supt B.F.&A.L

Office. Supt R.F.&A.L
Hamley Ark
April 15th/67

Major Genl Lee A.A.G.
Asst. Commissioner
Bureau R.F.&A.L
New Orleans La

137 Genl I have the honor to State that there is now in the hands of the firm of Plummer & Daniels Commission Merchants New Orleans 77 Bales Cotton for which Cotton a settlement is desired,

Said Cotton was made in the year 1866 on a plantation in this County known as the Harris Plantation & marked & numbered Adams. Adams proved to be unreliable as a man and it being reported to me in the month of October 1866 that he was endeavoring to send off the Cotton to

New Orleans and provide the Negroes t. [illegible] Harris' out of there interest in it. I secure the Cotton in the field (Copy of order marked A. enclosed) I arranged with Messrs Harris & Adams at the time the Cotton was secured that as soon as it was picked and Baled I was to be notified & be present at the devission, but Contrary to my arrangment A devission of the Cotton was made without my Knowledge - By the devission ten Bales of Cotton are reported to me as the Negroes Share. Of these three Bales were seized by Civil process to pay for supplies claimed to have been furnished the Negroes by one Frank Hazzard the remaining seven Bales I ordered Shipped to Plummer & Daniels in my name to be held by Plummer & Daniels until a Settlement can be effected with Adams Adams Claim to have accounts against the Negroes to the amount of $1,000 but as these claims were not itemized & refused to allow them intell the account were itemized, Messrs Plummer & Daniels have claims against Adams to a large amount for supplies furnished to make the Crop. What is desired to be done in the case is to see Messrs Plummer & Daniels and obtain through them an itemized account of Adams claims against the Negroes and their account to me that I may make Settlement with the Negroes - but the Cotton in the hands of Messrs Plummer & Daniels be sold and if after this Settlement any thing is due the Negroes let it be forwarded to me for distribution - At the time I ordered the Cotton turned over to be shipped to New Orleans to Messrs Plummer & Daniels Mr Plummer was here and I arranged with him personally that he should first Adams (who has decamped) & obtain from him his account against the Negroes and that the desired Settlement should be then effected but since the Cotton was shipped I have received

No information from Mr Plummer I would recommend that Adams if he can be found, be arrested and Compelled to adjust the whole matter, for as it now stands no just settlement can be effected without he be found and Compelled to disclose all the facts in the case by presenting his accounts + exhibiting the facts as to the amount of Cotton that was made and what became of it.

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
your Obt Svt
J J Taylor
1st Lieut 15th US Sept. B. Frdt. L.

Office Supt B. R. Frdt L
Hamburg Ark
April 10th/67

Quarterly Rpt. Commissary Gen. U.S.A.
Washington D.C

Sir I have
the honor to transmit duplicate your office
Returns of Commissary Stores issued and
remaining on hand at this post for the
month of March 1867. With abstract of issues
I am very Respectfully
your Obt Servt
J J Taylor
1st Lieut 15th US C & A.C.S.

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Office Supt B Frdt L
Hamburg Ark
April 30th 67

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Brevt Col Henry
A.A.G.
Little Rock Ark

Col. I have
the honor to transmit the following papers pertaining to the Dept. Much pleasure & annoyance if found correct transmit such as may

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not be required for use in your office
to Washington,
Return for April of Q. M. Stores in triplicate
one Set of Vouchers + Abstracts to the same
Return for April of Q. M. Stores pertaining to B.R. Fr. A.L
in Duplicate
one Set of Vouchers + Abstracts to the same
Persons & Articles employed in April " in Duplicate
Vouchers to A. Lefiles for $10 " Triplicate
" " S.B. Wiggins " 15 " "
No funds having received during the month
Act. Current. are not made
I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt.
J S Taylor
1 Encl 15 one Supt Q. F. + A.L

Office Supt. R. F. + A. L
Harrisburg Ark
April 30th /67

Commissary Gen U.S A.
Washington D.C

Sir I have the honor
to forward herewith Return of Provisions
Received + Issued by me in the month
of April 1867

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
J S Taylor
1 Encl 15 one Supt R. F. + A.L

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Office Supt R.F. + A.L
Harrisburg Ark
April 29th /67

Smith

Allison
Pine Bluff Ark

Sir Your note against
Frank Lee for $28.25 cts has been collected and
the Due bill given Ann Harbeson by you for
$12 has been paid + is herewith enclosed
Young Dr Stevenson attached the remained

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of the Money in my hands to pay a
Dr Bill he claimed against you. I enclose
Copy of Constables Receipt

2 Inclo &c

J S Taylor
1 Lieut 15 Inf Supt R F & A L

Howard

Office Supt B F & A L
Hamburg Ark
April 30th /67

Maja Genl O. O.
Commissioner B R F & A L
Washington. Genl

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I have the honor to report- that in obedience
to Special Orders No 58 Dated Bureau R. F & A L
for Arkansas & Ind Territory Little Rock Sept
5th /66 and Special Orders No 4 Dated Bureau
R F & A L for Ark's & Ind Territory Little Rock
Ark's Jany 12th /67 I am on duty at Hamburg
Ark's as Supt & Bvt Maj of the B R F & A L
for the Counties of Ashley Drew & Bradley Ark

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt. Servt
J S Taylor
1st Lieut 15 Inf Supt R F & A L

Copy to Supt Rock
Off &c
Hamburg Ark

Office. Supt B F & A L
Hamburg Ark
May 1st /67

Taylor

Brvt. Maj Genl Wilson
A. A. A. G.

Maj

I have the

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honor to forward here with requisition for provi-
sions required for distribution under recent act
of Congress to the suffering in this district- Prompt
to the extent of my district-. I have not been able
from actual Canvass to ascertain the exact-
number of needy in this Drew & Bradley Counties
but- from reliable information the distress in
Drew & Bradley is not- near so great- as in

Ashley. The crops in Drew & Bradley Counties
were good for the season and the suffering is comparatively small as far as heard from. By
actual canvass of two Townships & from information obtained from this county generally through County
officials & others I estimate the number of persons
requiring assistance in the district of Ashley
Drew & Bradley as follows:

Adults — 75
Children — 200

This estimate will be amply sufficient for
the month of May. But will no doubt have
to be increased as the season advances until
supplies are grown in the country

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
J S Taylor
1st Lt 15th U S C. Supt R. F & A. Ls

Office Supt R. F & A L
Hamburg Ashley
May 3rd /67

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Brevt. Col Henry
A. A. G.
Little Rock Ark

Col I have
the honor to request supply of Blanks
No 23 A. G. O. Supt
Supply of these Blanks requested by me
in Letter from this Office dated March 31st /67
has not been received

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
J. S. Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U S C Supt R F & A Ls

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Office. Supt B. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
May 6th /67

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A. C. G.
Little Rock Ark

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145 | Col. I have the honor to respectfully request transportation of supplies to relieve distress in this District for the month of May
Should approval of requisition be approved the transportation required will be furnished from Rations of Corn & Meal from Camden Ark to Hamburg Ark
I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
J. J. Taylor
1st Lt. 15th Me. Supt B. F. & A. L.

Office. Supt B. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
May 3rd 1867

Tyler | Brevt. Maj. John
A. A. A. G.
Little Rock Ark

146 | I am in possession of the following facts obtained from entirely reliable sources. That one James Webb a noted Bushwacker who resides or did reside not long since above Little Rock County in this State, is known to have carried a large number of Blacks Children from this county to this State And in the belief that possibly this information might aid in the discovery of the Children Mentioned in your letter of April the 22 1867 I forward it to you. I have it from a man in this County who served with Webb that he (Webb) abducted Children from near Jefferson City also during the Price Raid in the fall of

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I have the honor to be
very. Respectfully
your obt. Servt
JS Taylor
1st Lieut 15th N.C. Supt B.F.&A.L.

Office Supt R.F.&A.L.
Hamburg Ark
May 10. 1867

Smith — Lt J. M. "38" U.S.I.
Comd Detachment M.I.
Camden Ark

Lieut. Enclosed

1867

find Certificate to the loss of two Govt Horses
here. Your letter of April 17/67 Mentions
5 horses as being dead, But 4 horses belonging to Camden have been at this Station:
Of these two are dead and the remaining 2
two I return as directed in letter from Lt
Gilbert of April 25th 1867
Corporal Welsh & Private Elliott of the Partie
referred by Surgt. Lobson Can furnish Affidavits
to the loss of the 2 horses.
I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
your obt. Servt
JS Taylor
1 Lieut 15th N.C. Supt B.F.&A.L.

Office Supt R.F.&A.L.
Hamburg Ark
May 7th/67

Whittlesey — Brevt Brig Genl. Henry. M.
Chief. I. M. Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Washington. D.C.

Genl

1868

In obedience to letter from your Office of April
22nd/67 directing the furnishing of orders author-
izing the purchase of property reported in my

Property account of Stores pertaining to the Bur
R Fd & L for the Month of February 1867.
I have the honor to enclose herewith Copy of
Circular Letter authorizing purchase of office tables
furniture; The Desks & Table[illegible] purchased
under this order,
The purchase of these was rendered requisite
by reason of the distance of my Station (from 150
80 Miles), from Supplies of this character thus
rendering it impracticable to obtain it otherwise
than by purchase. I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
your obt Servt
I S Taylor
1 Lt 15 VRC Supt B Fd & L

Office Supt B. Fd & L
Hamburg Ark
May 11 " /67

Radetzki Lieut. G. M.
A. C. S.
Camden Ark

149 Sir, I have the honor to
inform you that the invoices of 4 month. supplies
of Subsistance Stores sent to me at Clarence
Dalmie on board the Steam Boat Judge
Fletcher and Shipped on the 29" of April
are deficient in one barrell of Pork.
I enclose affidavits of Serg't Tolson &
Privit Rollins explaining & substantiating
the loss. I deem the Boat as responsible
for the loss. I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
I S Taylor
1 Lieut. 15 VRC. Supt B Fd & L

Office. Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Harrisburg Pa.
May 16th/67

Brvt. Brig. Genl. Henry M
Chief Q. M. B. R. F. & A. L.
Washington

Sir.

In
reply to letter from your office of April 29th/67
calling my attention to the fact that my
report of Q. M. Stores for the month of March
1867 shows but 2 public animals on hand
on hand & received" While Voucher No 1
to Abstract G. reports Forage as issued
to 4 horses and directing me to give
explanation, I would respectfully
explain, that 2 of the horses in service at this
Station are sent here from the Port of Camden
& issue them forage but do not account
for them as they are accounted for by the
Q. M. at Camden, The two taken up on
My return for March were received in obedi
ence to enclosed order Were receipted for
by me & are therefore found on my property
return. The two first from Camden & accounted
for by Officers there & the two accounted
for by me make 4 public animals in
service at this Station to which I
issued Forage in the month of March
I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
J. S. Taylor
1 Lieut. 15 U.S.C. Supt R. F. & A. L.

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Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
May 15/67

2d. U.S.A.
Washington D. C.

Genl.

I have the hon to forward herewith the following papers pertaining to the 2d. Dept.

Summary Statement for Jany /67 in Duplicate
Account Current for Jany /67 " "
Summary Statement for Febry /67 " "
Act. Current-With one set Abstracts & Vouchers for February 1867 in Duplicate

The funds for which these accounts are rendered were received from Brvt. Col. A. Montgomery Chf 2d. Dept. of the Ark in January 1867 in compliance with Circular Letter & Letter from Col. A. Montgomery enclosed marked "A" The expenditures were made in obedience to Letter Marked "B" and the return made and forwarded to Brvt. Col A. Montgomery Little Rock Ark at the proper time in obedience to Circular Letter Marked "C" Circular Letter Marked "C" having been disapproved by the Quartermaster General the returns which I made to Col Montgomery are returned by him to me to be made direct to the Dept at Washington,

These returned papers accompanied by letter from Col Montgomery Marked "D" were received May 14" and are now made up & forwarded (May 15) as therein directed

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
J S Taylor
1 Lt. 15 US Inf. A.A.G. 2d. Dd

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
May 20" /67

Brvt. Brig. Genl John E. Bennett
Lt Col 24" U.S. Inft A.A.G. Dept of the Gulf
Little Rock Ark

Genl in compliance with instructions contained in letter from your office dated March 10th 1867. directing that Circular No 7 C.S. be published Twice in the newspaper having the largest Circulation in the County I have the honor to forward as therein directed duplicate receipted Bills with duplicated copies of the work, for payment

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your Obt. Servt
J S Taylor
1 Lt 15 US Inf Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
May 30" 1867

Brevt. Brig. Genl John E. Bennett
A. A. A. G.
Little Rock Ark

I have the honor to forward such information as I have been able to obtain in reply to Circular Letter from your office dated July 28" 1867

The reason of the meagerness of this report is the result of the entire want of interest taken in the part of planters As out of some 75 or 80 Circulars distributed to planters through the three counties of my District asking for the enclosed information but 5 have been responded to To the most of enclosed information was obtained by personally visiting plantations and obtaining it for the Blacks

I have the honor to be very Respectfully
your Obt Servt.
1 Lieut. 15 US Inft Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt B F & A L
Hamburg Ark
May 20th/67

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Brvt Brig Genl John. E.
Little Rock Ark

Genl The enclosed voucher has been returned to me by Brvt Brig Genl Thos H. Whittlesey Chief of Bureau B F & A L with the following remarks "Voucher No 1 Ark 7 returned herewith for the approval of the Ark commissioner for Ark"

I would respectfully request the approval of the Ark Commissioner and that the voucher when so approved be forwarded to Washington I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully
your obt. Servt
D S Taylor
1st Lt. 15 US Inf Supt B F & A L

Office Supt B. F & A. L
Hamburg Ark
May 23d/67

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Brevt Col Henry Ed...
A. A. G. Ill
Little Rock Arks

Col I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Check No 403" on Merch Mutual Bank for Nineteen (19) Dollars. In payment of sundry accounts to that amount

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
D S Taylor
1st Lt. 15 US Inf Supt. B F & A L

Office Supt B. F & A. L
Hamburg Ark
May 28th/67

Bennett
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Lieut. John. E. 28th U.S.I.
Act. Ast adjt Genl.
Little Rock Ark

In reply to letter from your office of May 14th/67 directing me to ascertain and report the best point to ship a small amount of supplies from Helena for use in my District. I have the honor to reply that Grand Lake on the Mississippi is the point from which this country receives its supplies in Summer. But owing to the swampy character of the Country the Road from Grand Lake to "this" point is now impassable and likely to remain so. Till late in June or the 1st of July. Should the supplies be shipped for use before the time above mentioned. The only route they can be sent from Helena. Will be down the Mississippi up Red River into the Ouchitta to Marie. Salines Landing or brought up the Arkansas River to Pine Bluff & over land from there to this point. The best route to ship from Helena at this time in my opinion is up Red River to Marie Saline Landing. But should the supplies not be sent till the last of June. Grand Lake on the Mississippi is the preferable point. The points referred to are distant from this Station as follows. Pine Bluff 85 Miles South. Grand Lake 52 Miles East. Marie Saline 22 Miles West

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt. Servt
D S Taylor
1st Lt. 15 US Inf. Supt B F & A L

Office Supt R Frd A L
Hamburg Ark
May 23" 1867

Bennett

Lieut John E. 24" U.S.I.
Act Ast Adjt Genl
Little Rock Ark

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Lt In reply to letter from "office Ast Commissioner" of May 13"/67 directing me to ascertain whether Bell & do Citizens in this District would furnish the land transportation for supplies designed to relieve the distress of the District. I have conferred with the Judge of the County Court and other leading Citizens and they assure me that in case the supplies are put down at Merrie Palmer Landing the transportation will be furnished the County paying the expences.

In case the loan to be transported from Pine Bluff I could obtain no assurance that the transportation would be furnished, as the impoverished condition of all classes in this section is such that to furnish teams to go to the distance of Pine Bluff will be very difficult

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
A S Taylor
1 Lt. 15 V R C. Supt R Frd & A L

1st The Freedmen should be permitted to see what articles are charged against them. This cannot be done without the articles are charged in a bill of articles purchased. Said bill to be made out for each Freedmen individually. Articles purchased by a wife or Minor Children may be charged to the husband or parents.

2nd Many of the articles purchased of Hazard & McBride. to pay which, account & bales of their Cotton has been taken by the Civil officers. I desire the items of purchase that I may ascertain whether the articles charged by Adams were purchased from Hazard & McBride for if they were they are already paid for

I hope the matter may be adjusted at once & the accounts sent me to enable me to settle with the Freedman.

Despairing of ever hearing from you I sent a Communication some days ago through the Military Channell. which I infer has ere this been brought to your notice

I have the honor to be
Respectfully &c
A S Taylor
1 Lt. 15 V R C. Supt R Frd & A L

Office Supt R Frd A L
Hamburg Ark
May 23"/67

Plummer

Bard. Esq
New Orleans

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Sir your letter of April 2d has at length reached me. In reply I must state that it is impossible to settle this matter until I am put in possession of an itemized accounts of articles purchased by each Freedmen in Mr Adams employ for the following reason

Office Supt R Frd A L
Hamburg Ark
May 24"/67

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Brevt Col Henry
A. A. G.
Little Rock Ark

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Col I have the honor to transmit herewith Vouchers for Blacksmithing performed by W. L. Bell at this Station which if found Correct please forward funds to pay the same to Mr Bell in My Care.

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I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully your obt Servt
A S Taylor
1 Lt. 15 V R C. Supt R Frd & A L

Office B.R. Fd'd & L
Hamburg Ark.
May 31st /67

Page | Brev.t Col. Henry,
Little Rock Ark.

160 | Col. I have the honor to transmit herewith the following papers pertaining to the Q.M. Dep't which is found correct- also forward such as may not be required for use in your office to Washington.

Return of Q.M. Stores pertaining to Bureau R.F.&A.L. in Duplicate

Return of Q.M. Stores for the month of May in Triplicate One set- abstract & Vouchers to the same

Person and Articles employed in Duplicate

Vouchers to S.B. Wiggins for $75.00 in Triplicate
" " A. Lefiles " 10.00 " "

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your ob't Serv't
J.S. Taylor
1st Lt. 15th Inf. Supt B.R.F.&A.L.
& A.A.Q.M.

Office Supt B.R.F.&A.L.
Hamburg Ark.
May 25th /67

Page | Brev.t Col. Henry
Little Rock Ark.

161 | Col. Your Bill please send me Supply of Blank Forms for use in this office.
No 22 & 23 Q.M. Dep't.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your ob't Serv't
J.S. Taylor
1st Lt. 15th Inf. Supt B.R.F.&A.L.

Office Supt. B.R. Frd & L
Hamburg Ark
May 31st 1867

Lt. Substitute | Commissary Subsistence
Washington
D.C

I have the honor to
forward herewith Return of Commissary Stores
received and issued by me in the Month of
May 1867 | I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt. Servt
S.S. Taylor
1st Lieut. 15th U.S. Infy & A.A.C.M.

Office. Supt. B.R. Frd & L
Hamburg Ark

162 | Adjt. Gen. U.S.A.
Commanding &c.

Adjt Surgt. Greene
Detachment which started from here to return
to Camden overland have made an attempt
to reach Camden but the recent rains
render their reaching your post by the direct
route entirely impossible. Not feeling
myself authorized to send them by boat
I have directed them to take rations &
forage to include the 10th of June and
make the best route to Camden they can.
When Maj. Rolf was arrested here I
sent with him Capt. Barkers Squad one
of My Horses. Please have the horse
returned to me if at your Post
I have the honor to be
Very. Respectfully
your obt. Servt
S.S. Taylor
1st Lieut. 15th U.S. Infy & A.A.C.M.

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Office Asst A.G. 7th Dist
Hamburg Ark
Jan 3rd 1867

Bonnell

Lieut Colonel C.
A.D.C. & Asst. Adjt. Genl,

Lieut. I have the
164. to respectfully request an order for
the Purchase of the following Articles
One Office Desk $5.00
" " Table "
Three Cords Wood
This list includes all Articles purchased
at this Station. The purchases were
made in February last and the order
is desired to file with My Property
return for that month. The purchases
were made at the time under Circular
letter enclosed Marked A, as will
be seen by endorsement of Brvt Col Hoffman
Page A.A.G. Little Rock Made on letter
from this office enclosed Marked B,
I am directed to apply for this order
authorizing these purchases. When the
order is issued please forward Copy
through Brvt. Col Hoffman & Brevet
Brig. Genl. Whittlesey, Washington

I have the honor to be 166
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
D. Taylor
1st Lt. 15th Inf Asst Adjt Gen

Office Supt BR Frd A. L.
Hamburg Ark
June 11th 1867

Whitelaw

Brvt. Brig. Genl. U. S. A.
Washington D. C.

Enclosed please find

765

Vouchers No 1. ~~No 1~~ F. pertaining to property returns for B. R. Frd & A. L. for the month of March 1867 Returned to me from your office for correction it not having been approved by the Asst Comm. for the State of Ark
Having been corrected I return it to be filed with my returns for the month of March 1867

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
your obt. Servt.
J. J. Taylor
Lt. 15th Inf. U. S. A. & Supt R. Frd & A. L.

Office Supt R Frd & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
June 11th 1867

Sharlock

Thomas Esq

Sir Jerry Pippin one of your employees complains that you take his hands from his crop to do your work contrary to his desire. If this complaint is correct- I trust it will be remedied at once. Parties working for part of the crop cannot be taken from their work in said crop to work elsewhere without their consent- No work can be exacted except that requisite to make gather & secure the crop if work is done, that per contract with the crop it must be paid for by Employer & the performing of such work is entirely optional with Employee

Very Respectfully
J. J. Taylor
Lt. 15th Inf. U. S. A. & Supt R. Frd & A. L.

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Smith

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Office Supt B'n Ref & L.
Hamburg Ark
June 3" 1867

Richard

P P Collins one of your Employees Reports to me his treatment at the hands of one Jarvis on your plantation I have turned the case over to the Civil officers + Jarvis will have a hearing before them.
Collins is very reluctant to return I assure him you will protect him this assurance I hope will be made good. He must and shall be protected both him & his family + I confidently trust I shall not be compelled to interfere further than to secure this protection

Very Respectfully
J J Taylor
1 Lieut 15 US C. Supt R'fs &

Bennett

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Office Supt B'n Ref & L.
Hamburg Ark
June 12" 1867

Lieut John E
Act Asst A. G
Little Rock Ark

Gen'l

I have the honor to return herewith acct of W H & A Gresham Publishers of the Ashley Cane Brake Times for printing. Corrected as instructed in indorsement from your office dated June 1" 1867 in returned letter from this office dated May 20" 67

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
J J Taylor
1 Lieut 15 US Supt R'fs &

Office Supt R'fs & L
Hamburg Ark
June 12" 1867

Bennett

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Lieut John E
Act Asst Q M
Little Rock Ark

Sir

In reply to communication from your office of May 29/67 directing me to take charge of the families of Phillis Robinson & Murray Jackson Witnesses in the Rolf case. I have the honor to reply that I visited Pine Bluff in person to arrange for these parties, and on arriving at Pine Bluff I found they were all desirous to return and take their chances here until they could more satisfactorily arrange it. I obtained means for their transportation here and brought them back. One of the parties on her return deemed it best not to remain, and took her family of 4 children & returned to Pine Bluff leaving her effects here, I would respectfully request that the Q. M. in sending the first train with supplies from Pine Bluff to Monticello to Lieut. Col. Sayler Commanding be instructed to send a team on from Monticello to this Point & take off the effects of Phillis Robinson to Pine Bluff These effects will make about one third load for the Team

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
J J Taylor
1 Lieut 15 US Supt R'fs &

Office Supt R Frdmn
Hamburg Ark
June 13th /67

Bennett — Lieut. John C.
Little Rock Ark

170 — Lieut. When W. G. Wolf was arrested I sent him and taken to Little Rock I furnished him a horse & Equipment to ride. As I understand this horse is in Little Rock. If practicable I would respectfully request that the horse be returned to me as his service are needed there being but one horse on this Station. I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
D S Taylor
1 Lieut. 15 V R C. Supt R Frdmn

Office Supt R Frdmn
Hamburg Ark
June 13th /67

Bennett — Lieut. John C
a a. Adjt. Gen
Little Rock Ark

171 — Lieut I have the honor to respectfully request information as to the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 28th 1866 relative to Bounties to colored Soldiers I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
D S Taylor
1 Lieut. 15 V R C Supt R Frdmn

Office Supt R Frdmn
Hamburg Ark
June 20th 1867

Page — Brevt. Col. Henry
Little Rock Ark

172 — Col. I have the honor to respectfully Request supply of Blanks to enable me to return for supplies distributed to the needy in this district under Circular No 11 C.S. Bureau R Frdmn & Washington Major Swaney at Helena sent which point the supplies are shipped informs me he has no blanks.
I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
D S Taylor
1 Lieut 15 V R C. Supt R Frdmn

Office Supt R Frdmn
Hamburg Ark
June 27th 1867

Swaney — Brevt. Major
A C S Helena Ark

173 — Major I have the honor to enclose herewith one copy of Receipt No 1 for supplies shipped by you for distribution to those in extreme want in this District Also receipt in duplicate of the same
I have the honor to be very Respectfully
your obt. Servt
D S Taylor
1 Lieut 15 V R C. Supt R Frdmn

Robinson. Plantation
June 25th /67

Hurley & Bartlett — Messrs
Popular Bluff Ark
174 — Gentlemen In the complaint of Washington Dudley made at your place of Business last evening, after a further investigation of facts I am forced to the opinion that the Black man has a

just grounds of complaint 2
address you this in the hope that you will
endeavor to adjust the matter otherwise.
My duty will compel me to take action
in the case at once

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully &c
D S Taylor
1 Lieut. 15th Inf. Supt A.G.O.

Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Harrisburg Pa.
June 28th 1867

Treasury

Second Comptroller
Washington D.C.

Sir I have
the honor to forward herewith Copy of account
current for the month of March. This
account Current is furnished in obedience
to Letter dated War Department Washington
City June 12th and June 15th 1867 informing
me that I have been reported by the Second
Comptroller Treasury Department for failure
to render My acts of Congress Explanation
of this seeming failure have been furnished
the Adjt. Genl Office as will be seen by enclos-
ed copys of receipts The receipt of Returns for
March are acknowledged for by the Asst
Commissioner & Treasury Department Returns
for April and May have not been made for
the reason that no funds have been received

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully &c
D S Taylor
1 Lieut. 15th Inf. Supt R.F. & A.L.

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Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Harrisburg Pa.
June 28th 1867

Forward

Major Genl. C.C.
Commissioner B.R. Freedmen
Washington. D.C.

Genl. I have

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the honor to forward herewith Copy of account
current for the Month of March ending This account
current is furnished in obedience to Letter dated
War Department Washington City June 12th & June 15th 1867
informing me that I have been reported by the
"Second Comptroller Treasury Department for failure to
render My acts for the month of March & April
within the period prescribed by act of Congress
Explanation of this seeming failure have been
furnished the Adjt Genl's Office. As will
be seen by enclosed Copies of Receipts. The receipt
of Returns for March are acknowledged for
by the Asst. Commissioner & Treasury Department
Returns for April & May have not been made
for the reason that no funds have been received

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully &c
D S Taylor
1 Lieut. 15th Inf. Supt R.F. & A.L.

Office. Supt. R.F. & A.L.
Harrisburg Pa.
June 28th 1867

Thomas

Major Genl. L.C.
Adjt. Genl. U.S.A.
Washington D.C.

Genl.

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In obedience
to Letter dated War Department Washington City
June 12th and 15th 1867 informing me that I have
been Reported by the Second Comptroller of the
Treasury Department for failure to render my
accts for the Month of March & April 1867 and
directing me to submit such explanation as

will relieve me from ack of Congress of July 17th/62 and March 2d/67. I have the hon to state that all my accounts for the month of March 1867 were made up and forwarded on the 1st day of April 1867 in duplicate with duplicate vouchers accompanying the acct. Current. The receipt of these papers have been acknowledged by the Commissioner Bureau R.F. & A.L. and the Treasury Dept. Copies of which Receipts are herewith enclosed.

Circular No 15 U.S. Bureau R.F. & A.L. Washington directs that on and after April 1st 1867 accounts of disbursing officers in this Bureau be made in Duplicate one Copy retained the other sent to the Commissioner at Washington and that before the 10th of each a copy of acct Current without voucher be sent the Third Auditor of the Treasury. From the reading of the order I construe that its provisions do not apply to the Month of March and therefore forwarded my returns as previously directed. Since the month of March to date no funds have come into my hands and I have construed that account Current were not required to be made unless funds were receive to be accounted for.

If in error in this Construction would be pleased to be corrected

I have the hon to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
J.S Taylor
1 Lieut. 15 U.S. Supt R.F. & A.L.

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Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Hamburg Ark
July 1st/67

Brevt. Col. Henry
Little Rock Ark

Col. Since the first of April last no public funds have come into my hands. I have construed that under these circumstances I was not required to make account Current. Pleas inforne me if I am in error or not. Is it required that I make returns on forms No 3 Bureau Manual for the 2 horses. I have here 4 Returns on forms 4 same Manual for the forage issued. I am in doubt in the points & not desiring to Commit no errors if I can avoid it. I will be obliged for information in the above point.

I have the hon to be
Very Respectfully &c
J.S Taylor
1 Lieut. 15 U.S. Supt R.F. & A.L.

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Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Hamburg Ark
July 1st/67

Brevt. Col. Henry
Little Rock Ark

Col. I have the hon to transmit the following papers which you will please examine if found correct transmit such as are not required for use in your office to the proper officers at Washington

Report of C.S. Stores for month of June in Triplicate
With one set of Vouchers
Report of C.S. Stores Pertaining to B.R.F. & A.L. for June. 2 Duplicate
Report of Persons & Articles " "
Quarterly Statement of Stores one Copy

over

Accounts Current are not forwarded for the reason that I have no funds to account for

Vouchers to A. Lofiles for $10 in Duplicate Boun
" " S. B. Wiggins for $75 " "

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully &c
J J Taylor
1 Lieut 15 USC Supt Ind Affts

Office. Supt. Ind Affts
Hamburg Ark
June 30" 1867

Commissary Commissary Genl. U S A
Washington D.C.

I have the honor to transmit herewith Returns of Provisions Received & Issued by me for the Month of June 1867

I have the honor to be
Respectfully &c
J J Taylor
1 Lieut. 15 USC. Supt Ind Affts

Office. Supt. Ind Affts
Hamburg Ark
July 7" 1867

U.S. Supt. Indn Affts. Adgt. Gen" Hdqrs
Camden Ark
Sir

I send corporal John
son to bring the horse & Equipments now at Cam
den that I permitted Mr C. G. Barker to take from him
at the time of the arrest of W. G. Bolf. I am
greatly in need of the services of this horse & ad
ed this as the quickest mean[s] of getting the hor
The following are the equipments sent with the horse
& I hope to have them returned - One Saddle McClellan
one Saddle Blanket one Bridle one head Halter & Strap
one Girth one Surcingle. I am Respectfully &c
J J Taylor
1 Lieut. 15 USC. Supt Ind Affts

Office Supt B F & A C
Hamburg Ark
July 19" 1867

Bennett | Lieut John C
Act and Asst Gen
Little Rock Ark

Lieut. I have the
honor to transmit herewith Reports for the Months
of May & June of Provisions received & Issued
to Destitute persons in my District
Three supplies reached Mervis Dalin & were
receipted for by me on the 25th of June but
were not got from the River in time to commence
distribution till the first of July.
I forwarded applications for Blanks to make re-
turns of Issues to Ld Page but have not got
receive them. This however may be the
faults of the Mails as no Mails have been re-
ceived here from July 1" to July 18"
Very Respectfully &c
S S Taylor
1 Lieut 15 Inf. Supt B F & A C

Office Supt B F & A C
Hamburg Ark
July 31" 1867

Howard | Genl O. O
Commissioner B. R F & A L
Washington
D.C. Genl

I have the honor to transmit abstract of
Provisions issued to prevent Starvation
in Ashley County Ark during the Month
of July 1867 accompanying the same are
Receipts from them receiving the Supplies
49 copies. Also Invoice & Receipt from
Major Swiney one Copy each
I have the honor to be very Respectfully
S S Taylor
1 Lieut 15 Inf. Supt B F & A C

Office Supt R R & A L
Hamburg Ark
July 31st 1867

Commissy. Commissy Subsistence U.S.A.
Washington D.C.

I have the honor to transmit returns of provisions Received & issued by me during the month of July 1867 One Copy with abstract

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully &c
S I Taylor
1 Lieut 15 USInf. A.C.S.

Office Supt R R & A L
Hamburg, Ark
July 31st 1867

Page Brevt. Col Henry
Little Rock Ark

Col. I have the honor to transmit the following papers pertaining to the C. of A. Dept. Which after inspection in your office if found correct please forward such as are not required for use in your office to Washington.

Report persons & Articles 1 Duplicate
" C. of A. Stores " Triplicate
" Pertaining to Bureau R.F.&A.L. " Duplicate
" Forage Issued One Copy
" Horses in Service " "
Vouchers to S.B. Wiggins #1. in Duplicate
" " " A. Lefils #10 " "

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
S I Taylor
1 Lieut 15 USInf. Supt R R & A L

Thomas

Office Supt B R F & A L.
Hamburg Ark
July 31st 1867

Majr Genl Ll
A. G. U. S. A.
Washington D.C.

Genl. I have the honor to report that in obedience to Special orders No 58 dated Bureau R F & A L for Ark & Ind. Territy July 5th 1866 & Special order No 4 dated B R F & A L. for Ark & Ind. Territy. Jany 12th/67 I am on duty at Hamburg Ark as Supt B F & A L — for the Counties of Drew. Bradley & Ashley State of Arkansas I have the honor to be very Respectfully Your Obt. Svt

J J Taylor
1 Lieut 15 Inf. Supt B F & A L

Howard

Majr Genl. O

Office Supt B. F. & A L
Hamburg Ark
July 31st 1867

Howard

Majr Genl O O Howard
Commissioner B R F & A L
Washington D.C.

Genl. I have the honor to report that in obedience to Special Order No 58 dated Bureau R F & A L. for Ark. & Indn Territy. July 5th 1866 & Special order No 4 dated B R F & A L for Ark & Indn Terry Terry Jany 12th/67. I am on duty at Hamburg Ark as Supt B F & A L. for the Counties of Drew Bradley & Ashley the State of Arkansas.

I have the honor to be Very Respectfully Your Obt Svt

J J Taylor
1 Lieut 15 Inf. Supt B F & A L

Office Supt R Fds & Lds
Hamburg Ark
July 31st 1867

Commanding Subsistence U.S.A.
Washington D.C.

I have the honor to transmit returns of provisions received & issued by me during the month of July 1867 One Copy with abstracts

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully &c
J J Taylor
1 Lieut 15 US Inf & C.S.

Office Supt R Fds & Lds
Hamburg Ark
July 31st 1867

Thomas. Majr Genl U.S.
A.G. U.S.A.
Washington D.C.

Genl. I have the honor to report that in obedience to Special orders No 58 dated Bureau R Fds & Lds for Ark & Ind. Territy July 8th 1866 & Special order No 4 dated B R Fds & Ls. for Ark & Ind. Terry. Jan 12th 67 I am on duty at Hamburg Ark as Supt R Fds & Ls for the Counties of Ashley State of Arkansas

I have the honor to be very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J J Taylor
1 Lieut 15 US Inf. Supt R Fds & Ls

Page

Brevet Col Hous
Lieut
I have
the honor to tra
pertaining to the
Section in you
places forwarded
for use in you
Report persons r
" 2 Ill Stores
" Pertaining to Bureau R Fds & Ls
" Troops Dressed
" Horses in Service
Vouchers to S B Wiggins #15, in Duplicate
" " A. Lefils #10 " "

I have the hon to be
very Respectfully
your obt Servt
J J Taylor
1 Lieut 15 US Inf. Supt R Fds & Ls

" Triplicate
" Duplicate
One Copy
" "
" "

Office Supt R. Fds & Ls
Hamburg Ark
July 31st 1867

Genl
BR Fds & Ls
Washington D.C.

Genl I have the honor to report that in obedience to Special Order No 58 dated Bureau R Fds & Ls. for Arks. & Indn Territy. July 8th 1866 & Special Order No 4 dated B R Fds & Ls for Ark & Indn Terry Terry Jany 12th/67. I am on duty at Hamburg Ark as Supt R Fds & Ls. for the Counties of Drew Brooks & Ashley the State of Arkansas.

I have the hon to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J J Taylor
1 Lieut 15 US Inf. Supt R Fds & Ls

Mr Jeff Bluntz Sir. The colored man Samuel Hill makes complaint at this office that there is a Girl with you by the name of Linnie that you refuse to give up and wishes to hold her by force. He states the girl was left in his charge by the Mother This is to inform you that Peasants has control of that child and can have in charge of them they wish

Bennett

Office Supt R'fds & Ab
Vicksburg Miss
Augt. 8th 1867

Lieut Colo. C.
A.A.A.G. Adjt. Genl.
Little Rock Ark.

Genl I have the honor to forward herewith accounts of Doc Bell Dickerson for Medical Services rendered to troops at this Station during the past 9 months Which please forward to the proper officer for Adjustment and pay

I have the honor to be very Respectfully Your Obt Servt
S J Taylor
1 Lett is-Vol C. Supt R'fds & Ab

Office Supt R'fds & Ab
Vicksburg Miss
Augt 17th 1867

Radcliffe

Lieut G. A. [illegible]
A.A.A.G.
Camden Ark

I have the Honor to make requisition for Supplies of Subsistence Stores for detachments of Soldiers now at this Station. The deficient in Coffee 1 pds Sugar 1 pds Candles 1 pds to last to the 25th Sept 167 Which will be one month At which time the supplies will all be given at this place

Very Respectfully Your
S J Taylor
1 Lett is-Vol C. Supt R'fds & Ab
and Bell
Dr Boggess assistant

Office Supt B Frdmn
Hamburg Ark
August 17" /67

Lieut [illegible]
A. C. S.
Camden Ark

Sir I have the honor to enclose Receipts in duplicate of Subsistance Stores as directed.

By Corporal George Moffitt C I I have received the papers with a letter from the Wearhouse keeper with statement of the articles and presume all will be correct, I have the honor to be very Respectfully your obt Servt
S S Taylor
1 Lieut 15 Vol C. A. C. S.

Office Supt B F&A Ls
Hamby Ark
August 23" /67

Lieut of Bureau

To The agent Bureau R&F Ark
Lake Providence La

I have the honor to request information and the possession of the following children, Called, They are the children of one Allen the Land (Colored) who resides in this county & State 1 Girl Matilda Ann one Boy Standle, Called in French Celeston) one Boy Joseph and in French Ishean Their Mother request the children sent to Grand Lake by Boat at which place she can get them brought out. They are living with one Colon Lance in the neighborhood of Floyd Their Children 2 of them was taken from her in time of the Rebellion and the other since She is quite old and only one small Boy with her any information in regard to these Children When she can get them will be thankfully Recd by the old Woman. S S Taylor 1 Lt 15 Vol C
A A Asst Agent

Office Supt R Frd & L
Hamburg Ark
August. 24" 1867

F. Bureau. To the agent
Union Co Ark

William Brannen

Is in search of his children.
Phillip is living with Nathan Bursey. Ad
is living with Hill Pratt and Henderson Bann
is with Ellie Hill in Union Co Ark ne
Hills borough. he calls on you for Protec
Much. I have inst
Must Respectfully
yr ob. Servt
J. L Taylor
1 Lt 15 US C. Supt R Frd &
for B Genl 8 a a a

Office Supt R Frd & L
Hamburg Ark
August 24" /67

F. Bureau To the Agent
Union Co Ark

Charles. Brannon

Who has he says been living with Miles
McGuire 6 miles from Hillsborough for one
half of the crop, and has been driven
from the place by the said McGuire and
had to leave a fine crop I have referr
him to you for protection
Must Respectfully
yr obt. Servt
J. L. Taylor
1 Lt - 15 - US C. Supt R Frd &
for B Gen. 8 a a a

Office Supt R Affairs
Hamburg Ark
Augt 24th 1867

Bureau To the Agent of
Upshur Co. Texas

The Black Man Noah Ransom has made request at this office to get his child by the Name of Susan. Ransom now living with John Dunbering Man Offenbelle. You will speak the Bearer. Mr H. Simms. who is the Bearer of this and be that he is put in possession of the Girl Susan to bring to Hamburg Who resides in this County

Most Respectfully
your Obt. Servt
J S Taylor
Lt 15th U.S. Supt R Affairs
By B Higgins Adjt

Office Supt R Affairs
Hamburg Ark.
Augt 28th 1867

Bureau To the agt Freedmen Bureau
Smith Co Texas

The Colrd. Man Prince Lyons wishes his children. They are somewhere near Starrville by the names of Mark, George, Mack & William Lyons He has got a White Man by the Name of Hartwell Simms to bring them out to him you will assist my Simms in getting them children he also has a Brother by the Name of George he wishes to come

Most Respectfully
J S Taylor
1 Lieut. Supt R Affairs
by A B Higgins Adjt

Office Supt R Forts &c
Hamburg Ark
August 31st 1869

Subsistence

Commissary U S A
Washington D C

I have the honor to transmit returns of provisions received and issued by me during the month of August 1869 One Copy with abstract

I have the honor to be
Respectfully &c
J S Taylor
1 Lt 15th U S Inf Supt R Forts &c

Office Supt R Forts &c
Hamburg Ark
August 31st 1869

Pages

Brvt Lt Henry
Little Rock Ark

Sir I have the honor to transmit the following papers pertaining to the Bureau R Forts &c which after inspection in your office is found correct please forward such as are not required for use in your office to Washington D.C.

Report of Persons & Articles In duplicate
Return of Public Stores " triplicate
" " " " Postage &c R Forts &c " duplicate
Abst B. Forage issued " copy
Voucher to Abst B " "
" " A Lefils " "

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Svt
J S Taylor
1 Lt 15th U S Inf Supt R Forts &c

Lt A B Macaulay

Office Asst R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Augt. 31 " 1867

Shiras
Substitute

A. E. Shiras
Commissary General
Washington D.C

I have the honor to transmit return of provisions received & issued by me during the month of August 1867. With the corrections & sequences of the June return & two copies with abstract & vouchers

I have the honor to be Most obt Servt
your obt. Servt
J J Taylor
1 Lt 15 U.S.C.T. A.A.C.S.

Augt 31/67

Shiras.

Gen. A E Shiras

Through a mistake I have sent directed to you the return of supplies for the district in my District if improperly sent please forward them to the proper office for examination

Very Respectfully
J J Taylor
1 Lt. 15 U.S.C.T. Supt R F & A L

Magistrate Dem, Co

Office in Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Sept 4" 1867

To the Magistrate of
Franklin Township Dem Co Ark

Whereas there has been a case reported to the Freedmens Bureau at Hamburg by George Moore & Henry Mclaurant, Colrd, that a Woman Celine Moore, Colrd, living with the Morris Moore was assaulted and beaten by Adam Lockhart & Mr Kerby both of your jurisdiction you will take notice of this case and bring the offenders to justice. you Neglect to do so I shall have to enforce General order No 19 dated August 13" /67 of Brt. Maj Gen, Ord Respectfully you

J J Taylor
1 Lt. 15 U.S.C.T. Supt R F & A L
& A A A Gen

Moore

Office Supt R & A L
Hamburg Ark
Sept 4" 1867

Mr Harris
Dear Co

A complaint is made at this office by George Moore & Henry Stedman Col that you have discharged Henry Stedman Lewis Harris. I believe Moore and refuse to pay them their wages I inform you that in accordance with General Order No 19 dated 13" Sept 1867 Bvt Gen'l Col you cannot discharge your hands without paying them up. And should you do so you will be brought before a Military Commission and tried as the case

you will take Notice and govern yourself accordingly

Most Respectfully
I S Taylor
1st Lt 15 US Inf Supt R & A L
Bvt Lt Col U S A

Office Supt R & A L
Hamburg Ark
Sept 4" 1867

Pictch.

F. Bureau

To the Legal F.!

Union Co Ark

Sir I have in three Boys, Colored, named George Henry & Thomas Lyons who is under contract in this county with one J C Turnbull to work the year 1867 placed in the contract by their mother who is old & in the place three Boys as above named If said Boys can be found in my county Mr Turnbull must have them sent back to gather the crop he states they are near the line of Lafayette Bureau with the Medclenburg Respectfully &c

I S Taylor
1st Lt 15 US Inf Supt R & A L
Bvt Lt Col U S A

Office Supt B Freedmen
Hamburg Ark
Sept 10" 1867

Bureau

To The
Agent
Beardstop Texas

The Bearer of this Mr Hartwell Simms wishes to bring to this County The woman Louisah Bell, colored, who is the wife of John Thompson, colored, was carried off from here by W D Bell in the year 1864. You will aid & assist Mr Simms in getting the woman to bring to her husband. The womans name is here written. Bell as she did belong to Bell & he carried her off to Texas

Most Respectfully Yr
D S Taylor
1 Lt 15 US Supt B Freedmen
By S B Higgins a a agent

Office Supt B Freedmen
Hamburg Ark
Sept 12" 1867

Pitcham

A. G.
A A. Adjt General
Washington D C

Sir your communication of August 31". requiring Statement of Provisions received issued and remaining on hand. Under joint Resolution of Congress approved March 30" 1867 has been received. And I have the honor to enclose the Statement thereon Required

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
D S Taylor
1 Lt 15 US Supt B Freedmen

Office Supt Ft Smith
Hamburg Ark
Sept 15th 1867

Treasury

Third Auditor
Washington DC

Sir In answer to
difference Sheet No 15 forwarded me in
Letter from your Office of June 5th/67 I
have the honor to reply.
1st Affidavit of entire accountability
is herewith enclosed,
2nd By reference to Return of Camp and
Garrison equipage (Form 512 QMD) for the Mo
nth of April 1866 It will be found that
2 Desks & 6 chairs received from Charles Good
man & Co all were therein taken up and ac
counted for In the month of May 1866
this property was Dropped from my return
of Camp & Garrison Form 57, & taken up on
Form 23 and accounted for on said
Return as on hand from last return
3rd One Horse 1 Bridle 1 Saddle 1 head halte
Received from Col & T Stubbs July 9 1866
Was last August 1st 1866 and accounted fo
in Return for August 1866. Receipt of whic
Return were acknowledged by the 2 cle
Dept Copy of which receipt is herewith
enclosed. I neglected to affix the
Seal of the Clerk of the Court to the affidavit
to the loss of the property at the time of
forwarding & now enclose the same with
request that they be affixed thereto
Answer to Different Sheet No 16 has been
unavoidably delayed in obtaining Re
taining papers which were at my home
in Illinois

Very Respectfully
D S Taylor
1 Lt 15 US Inf. Supt Ft Sm

Office Supt R Frd & L
Hamburg Ark
Sept 18" 1867

Mr Ann

Madam

Henry Sawyers (Colord) com
plains to me that he has made a crop
of Corn on your place this year working
under a verbal Contract which Contract
was that he was to be furnished his Provi
& one horse & he to receive one half the
Crop he made In addition to making
the Crop Henry was to keep the tools in
paire
Henry Claims that he has fulfilled his
part of the Contract but that you now
refuse to allow him to have but one
third of the Crop
It becomes my duty to State to you that
Henry' Statement being correct you are
bound to Carry out the provisions of the
Contract He must be permitted to gather
his Crop & receive one half of it
Hopeing you will allow him his just
dues & Save yourself & me further trouble
I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully &c
J J Taylor
1 Lt. 15 US C Supt R Frd & L

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Office Supt B Fd & Al
Hamburg Ark
Sept 20" 1867

Brvt Lt Hunn
Little Rock Ark

Sir I have the honor to return Corrected Report Persons & Articles with Vouchers with explanation that I was absent at the time the return were made & My Clerk Signed them without my knowledge or direction
I also forward Report of Persons & Articles as A A. G. all With Vouchers for Mr Wiggins for hauling & for Mr Bell for Fixing a Broken Wagon
Then expenses were incurred for the Troops on duty here and I have considered that it was not a proper charge for the Bureau to pay but for the 2 all Dept. please send these Vouchers & papers to the proper officer for payment

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully Your
Obt Servt
J J Taylor
1 Lut 15 U S C. Supt B Fd & Al

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Office Supt B Fd & Al
Hamburg Ark
Sept 26" 1867

To any Justice in the
Township in Desa County
in Which Stephen Irwin (Colored) resides
Sir Stephen Irwin Colored Complains to me That Frank Tucker has by threats driven him from his place That Tucker is now feeding up the corn made by the Freedmen without deviding the same"
That the said made on the place have all been [illegible] fed without a division

having first been made by the same
It becomes my duty to call your attention
to the complaint and to request that you
see the bonds upon the place secured in
these rights If the report of Brevt is
true Tucker has made himself liable to
arrest & trial before a Military Com
mission Hoping that the matter may
be satisfactorily adjusted among the
parties & thus avoid the penalty of
a Military arrest I have the honor
to be Respt Your Obt Svt
J S Taylor
1st Lt 15th U S Inf & A A A G

Office Asst A A A G
Pine Bluff Ark
Sept 28th 1867

Brevt Col. Henry
Page Little Rock Ark

Col. I have the
honor to return herewith a correct Returns
of all Stores for the Month of August for
which I am responsible as A A. C. I am
desired to State that all the returns pertaining
to this office for the month of August were
made up by my Clerk during my absence
& sighned & forwarded by him without my
Knowledge or authority
The return was incorrectly made by reason
of the Clerk not having issued forage to
6 horses Kept here to aid the Board of Registers
& however correct the vouchers & destroy
the old ones, please have Gen Smith approve
these correct vouchers & forward the same
with my return if found correct to
the proper Office at Washington
I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully Your
Obt Svt
J S Taylor
1st Lt 15th U S C. A A A G

Office Supt B Frdt L
Nashville Tenn
Sept 2nd 1867

Subsistence U S A.

Chief Commissary
Washington D.C

Sir I have the honor to transmit herewith Reports of Subsistence received & issued by me in the Month of September 1867

Very Respectfully &c
J Taylor
1st Lieut Supt B Frdt L

Office Supt B Frdt L
Nashville Tenn
Sept 4th 1867

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Brevt Col Henry
Little Rock Ark

Col I have the honor to transmit the following papers which please examine & forward such as may be required for use in your office to the proper officers at Washington.

Act Current to 2d Dept in Duplicate
" " Bureau B Frdt L " "
Report persons and Articles in Hosp - " "
" Property pertaining to 2d Dept " "
" " " " B B Frdt L " "
Voucher to S B. Higgins Jr $75 " "

As Lefils not being at home to sign his Vouchers Jr cent I will transmit the same next Mail

I have the honor to be
Respectfully &c
J Taylor
1st Lieut Supt B Frdt L

Office Supt N Indians
Hamburg Ark
Sept 8" 1867

Heigs

Brevt. Maj Genl J C
Chief 2 dt U S A
Washington D C

Sir I have the honor to forward herewith Copies of Act Current & Summary Statement with one Set of Vouchers The Months of January & February 1867 and to submit the following Statement,

In the Month of January last I received $50. Public Funds from Brevt. Col. A Montgomery then Chief 2 dt Dept of the Ark at Little Rock Ark. At the same time I received a Circular (Copy enclosed Marked A) directing Act Asst 2. dt to make Returns to him at Little Rock for funds received. This Circular I obeyed at the time & forwarded returns as directed In the month of May last I received back the returns I had made to Col. Montgomery he being then at Buffalo N. Y. With instructions from him that his Circular dated Dec 10" 1866 under which I had made the return had been disapproved & that I therefore was required to make those returns to the department at Washington This I did & forwarded in duplicate the originals of which the enclosed are Copies to the 2 dt Dept at Washington May 15" 1867 I forward to day direct to the Treasy Dept Copies of Act Current and Summary Statement for January & February

Respectfully &c
J J Taylor
1 Lt 15 N C Dept N Indians

Treasury

Office Supt R. Roads
Vicksburg Miss
Sept 8th 1867

Third Auditor
Washington D C

Sir I have the
honor to acknowledge receipt of Letter
from your office Dated Sept 2d returning
Blank Act Current for the months
of March April May June July & August
And informing me that the reason
of my having been Reported as
failing to render My accounts Monthly
by Reason of My having failed
to ~~render them~~ make return for $ 50 —
Gov't funds received from Col Montgomery
Aug 7th 1867 I have
the honor to reply that at the time
of receiving this Money I made
returns to Col. Montgomery as
directed to do by a Circular from
this office at Little Rock dated Dec 1st
1866.

That in the month of May 67 these
Returns were received back from
Col. Montgomery with information that
his Circular had been disapproved
by the 2d Aud Dept & that I was therefore
required to make return for this Money
to the Dept, at Washington This
I did send on the 15th of May 1867
I forwarded account current for
the month of January & February 1867
& Summary Statements, In Duplicate with
one set of vouchers to the 2d Aud Dept at Washn

I now enclose Copy of account cur-
rent & Summary Statement for the months of Jan
& February & shall also forward a day or two the
2d Aud Dept Copies of the same with full
set of vouchers

S S Taylor
1st Lieut 25th Regt

Office Supt R & Colds
Wandering Tribes
Oct 10" 1867

Leach

Wm J M Leach
Lexington N.C.

Sir your letter
of August was duly received but owing to an absence from my Station of several weeks its answer has been delayed till this time,
In reply I would respectfully state that in order to have your land restored it is required,
1." That forward through this office to the Act Commissioner for Colds at Little Rock an application asking for the restoration of this land setting forth the grounds on which you have you claim to restoration,
2" With this application you should furnish evidence of Pardon for participation in Rebellion Which will consist of either a special pardon for the President or General Pardon under proclamation,
3" Evidence of title to the land,
When papers properly made out and forwarded will probably restore the land to you,
I am pleased to learn that you are disposed to aid in finding the children of the old people in your place and hope you will be successfull in giving information that will restore their people to their family
I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
your Obt Servt
J J Taylor
1st Lt 15th Inf Supt R. Freedmen

Office Supt R Affrs &c
Nashville Tenn
Oct 9th 1869

Bennett | Hon E
A A. A General
Little Rock Ark

Sir I have
the honor to request that a Woman (colored)
name Martha Lance Who has & is living
in this County She has three children
in Carroll Parish La. Which Children
was or is living with in Dotha Land in
the southern portion of Carroll parish La
near Floyd. named as follows (to wit)
Girl Martha Ann Boy Standley in
French Celestein, Boy Joseph in French John
an. Those Children was taken from
this County in time of the Rebellion by
One Lance She wishes to have her
Children with her if possible. to
get them as She is without assistance
and request that through the Bureau
She get her children being too old &
destitute to get them her self.. request
them Children be sent to Grand Lake
above Brashear She will procure transportation
taken and bring them to Hamburg and
Will pay all Expenses

Respectfully
D L Taylor
1 Lt 15-USC Supt Affrs &c

Office Supt Ind Aff
Hamburg Ark
Oct 10th 1867

Bennett

Lt. Inv. &c.
A. A. Genl
Little Rock Ark

Sir I have the honor to State that there is in this County a, Colored, Boy about 14 yrs old named Charles Williams who was brought from Near Marshall Saline Co. Missouri in 1864 by one Capt Thos Stallcuell Who has the Boy now in his charge The Boy States that he was taken away from his mother by Mr Stallcuell and that his Sister was taken at the Same time but left Some Where on the road, Mr Stallcuell States to me that he got the Boy and understood that his Mother had been Carried off and that he took him to take Care of. The Boy desires to get back to his parents And I address yr this in hopes that they may be found & thus enable the boy to get back to them, The Fathers name is Samuel & the Mother Louisa. Wilson & are believed to be in the Neighbourhood of Marshall Saline Co Missouri I would recommend that this be forwarded through the Officials of Missouri & the parents found if possible & informed of the whereabouts of their child

D J Taylor
Capt 15th Regt Supt Indn

Office Supt Ft Gibson
Hamburg Ark
Oct 8th 1867

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Lt. Henry
Special Agent & Disbursing Officer
Little Rock

Sir I have the honor in obedience to Letter from your office dated Oct 8th 1867 to forward herewith List of Persons & Articles Transferred by me to you

Most Respectfully your obdt
J S Taylor
1st Lieut 3d Infantry

Office Supt Ft Gibson
Hamburg Ark
Oct 21st 1867

Williams

John G. Williams

Sir

In compliance with complaint of Louis Moore that you have taken his Cotton and are holding it and that you have made charges against him that are not Satisfactory You are hereby directed to appear at this office in the Town of Hamburg on Friday Oct 25th 1867 prepared to settle in full before me for all transactions had between yourself & Louis Moore during the years 1866 & 1867

You will bring with you your accounts and accounts of sale of Cotton and all other evidences Witnesses to enable a settlement of all disputed accounts and adjustment of all questions of dispute In order to prove accounts for supplies must be charged at cost & charges & original Bills of purchases & freight must be shown

Most Respectfully
J S Taylor
1st Lieut 3d Infantry

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ashley Co Ark
Oct 29th 1867

Wm H. Calloway
Sir

Complaint from the Freedmen engaged on yr plantation for the yr 1866 & the present yr 1867 indicate that you have taken possession of the entire crop and refuse to settle with the Afro-saxon laborers by virtue of My position and under orders from Head Quarters I hereby notify you not to Ship or Sell any part of the crop Made until an amicable Settlement of all the difficulties has been effected at you can come to my Office at any Time suitable to yr self & hands for full Settlement

A. L. Cunningham
Supt R F & A L

Calloway

Office Supt R. F. & A. L. Ark.
Hamburg Ashley County.
Oct. 29th 1867.

Col Lyster.
Sir

Sergt McClean and the detail from the 28th U. S. Infty were relieved and left for Camden on the morning of the 28th inst.

Very Respectfully &c.
A. L. Cunningham
Asst R. F. & A. L.

Lyster

Brvt Lt Col. Wm Lyster
Comdg Post of Monticello

Thompson

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg, Ashley, County, Ark.
Oct 29th 1867"

Lieut E. W. Thompson,

Sir Your communication of Oct 28th inst in answer to mine of Twenty fifth October, is just recd. In return I wish to State that we have assurances, that troops will be stationed here during elections and I can get a detail from that force to make the arrest, rendering it unnecessary to send One (for that purpose) from Your Post.

Very Respectfully
A. L. Cunningham
Capt R. F. & A. L.

E. W. Thompson,
One Lieut 19th U. S. Infty.
Actg Asst Supt of Montiello

Bennett

Hamburg, Ashley, County, Ark.
Oct 31st, 1867."

Bvt Brig Genl

G. E. Bennett

Sir I wish to ask to have the duplicate of the Robt Anderson plantation (now the property of Mrs E A Turner delivered to her under Special Order No- 53, from Your office, Returned to me for transmittal to her, they being the only title She has to the property

Very Respectfully
A. L. Cunningham
Capt R. F. & A. L.

Bvt Brig Genl
Jno. E. Bennett
1st Lieut 28 U. S. Infty
A. A. A. Genl

Office Asst R Fr Atl
Staunton, Va
Nov 8th 1867

Genl

Sir I respectfully send Communications sent from this office accompanied by Certificates of Appointment of Magistrates & Board of Registers from this county Asking that said persons be sent to this place

Since writing the above communication I have become better acquainted with the County, and people and have every reason to believe that after deliberation, I do not think it would be necessary to send a company of Negro troops I have at present a Detail of one Sergt and four men from the 28th U.S. Inft- The detail has been always "mustered" in when last they could not be found from Camden at the time I sent them their Certificates, & before they did get their Certificates & Made their usual Detail. When I sent them, With them & I think I can get along very well through Settlement Days & Elections as we have only about 60 Negroes in the County, have organized all through & played out and although we have still a good many Negroes in the County, I think I can with a Detail of 12 men from the 28th U.S. Inft- Muster in the Detail & Return to Post every Night

Very Respectfully
A.G. Cunningham
Asst Surgeon

Brvt Brig Gen C Bernard
Lt Col 28th Inft
Comdg Dist

Office [redacted] A L
Plumbers Store
Nov 11th 1867

Plumma

Mr Bard

Sir

I have heard a Statement going through the Community to the Effect that Lt J S Taylor formerly agent at this place has received and taken away with him the Amount of $708,05 being the Share as I understand it of the hands on Harris Plantation worked by Mr Adams I am perfectly satisfied that Taylor did Not receive the Money I have the Papers in the Case in My Office I would ask that you would immediately attend to the settling up and forwarding to this office the amount due if he do not hear from you by return mail I will be obleiged to place it in the hands of the proper Military authorities immediately Allocation the papers were sent from this Office Oct 8th giving ample time to have received a return at this office If Lt Taylor has received the Money and Swindled the Employees I Want to know it In order that I can have him arrested But I do not believe he Taylor ever receives any returns if with them made from So that the bills held against the Govt may be paid and the balance distributed among the Freedmen to Whome it properly belongs

Let me know at once What has or will be done in the Case

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Capt AA Gen

Office Supt R Fr & L
Hamburg Ark
Nov. 11 " 1867

Lews L J H & L

Sir

I have the honor to enclose to you vouchers of R. L Mathers for forage at Longbeen on Salmie River. No forage has ever been paid by detachment passing between this place & Camden

The records of this office shows the account to be a just one

I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that I have Two Govt Horses here they are unserviceable I am obliged to do a great deal of riding and cannot do it with the Horses I have at present They were drawn at Camden

I have a plenty of Forage but I find it impossible to get them in serviceable Condition. Can I turn them in at Camden and Draw two serviceable ones please let me know

I have not and will not issue any of the Stores you forward If it should become necessary to issue to the men I have in addition to what you send a sufficient supply to do three Months and of some things longer I think I make Mention 2 Bbls Pork 43 lbs Flour

Pleas inform me what I shall do about the horses

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
L. G. Cunningham
Sgt R F & C L

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Bennett

Office B.F.F. & A.L.
Hamburg Nov 24th 67

Genl. Jno E

Sir

Morrow Must respectfully call attention to Jurisdiction of Bradley & Drew counties Shall I act, Also to Get Known their condition and what is required, also to Wills Contradictions & former acts and what Must me do with them I ask instruction in the matter

Yr Obt Svt
A.G. Cunningham
Agt B.F.F. & A.L.

Office B.F.F. & A.L.
Hamburg Ark
Nov 28th 1867

Bennett

Genl. E. Sch
a a a Genl.

Sir I respectfully call yr attention to and ask for instruction on the following believing it my duty to do so As the interest of many freedmen throughout the state are daily suffering from this the case is a follows

The Legislature of Arkansas passed what is called the pauper act by which poor persons of what ever class or color, were permitted having just cause of action, to sue without paying Cost Fees or giving Security, Gould's Digest Page 282 Sections 10 to 14 inclusive The last Legislature of Ark passed and act which provided that all fees Shud be paid before before proceeds is issued and this applies to Justices Courts except in Criminal cases The Difficulty

justices of the peace throughout the County claim that the first or Pauper act stands repealed and will not issue process for any Freedman without they first pay the fees and give security It was evedently by not the intention of the Legislature to repeal the Pauper act This is notice to all parties throughout the county more especially the Freedmen That any old claims in this County held by Freedmen which could be made by action on before a justice Court But if the Pauper law is a dead letter upon the Statute Book the Freedmen can not give security and will consequently be obliged to leave all his claims.

Hoping you will not consider that I have overdone my duty

I remain

Very Respectfully

A G Brannigan

Asst B R F & A L

Office B R F & A L
Hamburg, Ark
Nov 29th 1867

Genl H. M. Alford

Sir

You are hereby notified at once to make application through this office by the 1st of January 1868. For the reclamation of the Lynch Place or it will be forfeited and an order for its sale

The 1st Day rented out to Refugees & Freedmen agreeable to Circular

Must Respectfully.

A G Brannigan Asst

per D B Higgins Clk

Office B. & A. R.
Hamburg S.C.
Nov 27/67

Alfred

Gen'l M. Alfred
Sir

Complaint has been made at this office by Garvin Evans Colrd that you are hauling off cotton that has not been divided & that you have once or twice driven him off of your place & upon a pay him for his Crop services he says his crop is not gathered & divided agreeable to orders you have not the right to turn him off without a division & settlement & you can't send off the cotton & from the contract he is entitled to wages for his services that is not on the contract. Therefore you are hereby ordered not to move the crop of the present year until division & settlement made & the lien for advances & supplies on a lien on the crop & must be allowed.

Respectfully yours
D. F. Gilmore
Agt. A. & R. R. R.

I. C.
Dec Co

Office B. & A. R. R.
Hamburg S.C.
Dec 3rd 1867

Justice Peace of Franklin Township
Pike Co Ark

Sir Find enclosed Statement of an account due Louis Harris Col, from Est of Morris deceased, & Sworn that an Demand of just Dues by Harris Morris were refused & take the letter sent from this office And from the action of her Son, Mr Law Tilghman (Who it seems intended to shoot Louis Harris) they deem

to be determined not to pay the debt
Mr Darby also and Lockhart has been
interfering in the matter and Threatning
& abusing the negros, I call on you
in your Judicial Character to do what-
Can be done in the matter you can charge
with the peace of your Township, If those
Matters are Known to you. I ask you to
at once take steps to secure the negros
what justly belongs to them There is another
claim held by Dolphin allcorn a Freedmen
amounting to $70 also Henry Ipsan amounting
to $50 These Bills must be paid of course
any credits that are just will be allowed
If they are not settled at once I will
procure To Siege sufficient property to cover
all the claims Write me and inform me
If the States of the men Kirby Lockhart &
Wilshman If they are guilty of what is
alleged against them they will be sent
to Little Rock for Trial before a Military
Commission They are not permitted to
threaten or Abuse Freedmen or Women
They the Freed people Can have recourse to
the Civil Law and these men should be
heavily fined for such Offences All Justices
failing to take Cognizance of these Offences
will at once be removed and others
appointed in their Stead
Pleas inquire into the Matter and
let me Know all the particulars in the
Case if you can Make anything like
a just Compromise do so and forward State
ment to me I am determined that the
Freedmen in this Case Shall have their just
dues Pleas Write at Once

Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
Lt Col B. R. F. & A. L.

Office A. F. & A. M.
Warrenton N.C.
Dec 5th 1867

Barringer

Mr Barringer

Mr Lou Sanders reports to me that Some Negroes on your place have fired you cum & three Boys came have Knocked out the Eyes of one of your boys they are responsible for there acts as well as White People They must make arrangments to pay damages if you can send me a Written Statement The names of the Negroes I will try and attend to it for you

Respectfully
[redacted]
Actg A. R. F. & A. M.

Leach Jno. E. A. R. F. & A. M.
Dec 4th 67

Leach

Sir

I have the honor to forward Certificate of R. F. & A. M. for the counties of Davidson Randolph & Forsyth, State of North Carolina as to the facts of a Special Pardon granted to Mr. J. M. Leach who under this pardon asks for the restoration of his Lands in this County Ashly Lodge I respectfully forward Certificate and request of Lewis D. McLeach, for action of Asst. Comm.

Respectfully obt Servt
[redacted]
Asst. Com. F. & A. M.

Office R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg, Ashley Co. Ark
Dec 14th 1867

Bennett J. C.

Lieut

Sir I have just returned from the further End of Drew County, Where I went by Brake Settlements at the request of Col. Lester Comdg at Monticello Hence the delay in My Report

I have Made many Settlements in this Co and Have been So far very Successfull in giving the Freedman his just Share of crops. I have tried (and I think Successfully) to pursue a liberal course towards all both white and black, and have tried to Convince Every one that it was the intention of Govt, to do Exact Justice to all. I have Nothing Special to report Everything is Perfectly quiet. A detail of 1 Sergt 1 Corpl and 6 Men Mounted Have accompanied and returned the detail Service, here. The Crops have been very poor throughout this County and in Some parts of Drew & Bradley Counties. I have Notified the claimants of abandoned Lands of the Existing order. Do Doubt many of them will apply to have their Lands restored. I leave to Morrow Morning Dec 15th for the Southern Settlements on an Extensive Trip through part of this County to make

Respectfully Your
R. H. Cunningham
Sgt R. F. & A. L.

Baynham

Office A.F. & A.L.

Sir

I have just recd your letter and would say in return that any Cotton remaining after Gasaway (the Freedman who works the Barrett & Thompson farm) receives Eight Bales of Cotton for their Share if you choose to do so. They owe him fully Eight Bales of cotton, & have taken possession of the Cotton and propose to secure it to him effectually. We hold ourselves under recent Military orders to civil process whatever can effect his title to the Cotton

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
A.G. Cunningham
Asst R.F. & A.L.

Office R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
Dec 6th 1867

Bennett — Lt John C.

Lt Sir

The age of the Colrd boy Albert Brooks is as near as I can learn Sixteen years he does not live in Ashley Co but in Bradley Co with his Guardian about Twenty Miles from Hamburg

Respectfully your Obt Servt
A.G. Cunningham
Asst R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt B.R.F. & A.L.
Hamburg Ark
Dec. 11th 1867

Barrett — John H. Barrett

Sir The Man Wash, Foot Colored, has reported to this office, that you have a Bale Cotton in your possession which he claims you are hereby notified not to move the cotton until Settlement and Agreement is made with the Colored Man Wash Foot

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo. A. Lowe
Lt Col. Supt R.F. & A.L.

Signed.

Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Hamburg Ark
Dec. 13th 1867

Stephens — Mr Sam.

Sir

you are hereby notified to appear at this office in the town of Hamburg on Thursday the 19th inst for settlement with the laborers on your farm and you are also notified not to move the crop upon the place until settlement

Most Respectfully

Signed Geo. A. Lowe
Lt Col. & Supt R.F. & A.L.

Hamburg Ark
Dec 19, 1867

Huntoon — Lt H. Turnbull

Sir The Colored laborers has made complaint that the contract under which he has been working with you has not been complied with I have therefore to request that you will not move the Cotton made until a Settlement is effected

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo. A. Lowe
Capt

Price

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
Dec 2nd 1867

Mr W J Price

Sir

You will immediately upon receipt of this order to Mr W R Harris all the Cotton you have Carried away from the Green place and all cotton in your possession raised on the place

You will Comply with this order instantly and immediately.

Upon any interference of yours against Mr Harris in the discharge of duties entrusting to him from this office a Detachment of Troops will be sent up for your arrest and trial at Little Rock before Military Commission

2 Copies

Geo F Towle
Brt Lieut Colo U S Army
Agt & Supt N Affairs Ark

Agts Office
Hamburg Ark
Dec 2nd 1867

Harris & Remsley

To Messrs Harris & Remsey

The former agent has has already been directed you to appear before W R Harris to Make a Settlement with Freedmen working for you you have thus far neglected to do so

You are Now notified by me to appear before Mr W R Harris on such day as he may appoint for a Settlement according to regulations he will deem in order from his Ofs

I trust that you will not by disregarding this order give me occasion to send a detachment of troops to bring you down here for examination

Respd Geo F Towle
Agt

Office B. R. Fs & Als
Hamburg Ark
Decm 28th 1867

Holloway | Millton

Sir Complaint has been made at this office that you are violating a verbal agreement made as reported a Colored girl Liena Fairchilds also that you intend moving to Louisana immediately without making a Settlement I have therefore to request that you delay your move until a Settlement is made that you remain no more of your property until a Settlement is made

and that you appear at this office as early as possible on Tuesday Decm 31st to have this Settlement effected as there may be a possibility of you disregarding this Notice it may be as well for me to suggest that in that case a detachment will be sent- with instructions to follow you wherever you may be

Respectfully &c
Sgnd Geo F Temple
Bvt Lt Col
Asst

Office B. R. F. & A. Ag
Hamburg Ark
Decm 26th 1867

Hill | Lessee

Sir Complaint is made at this office by Ennis Bonner, Colored, one of your laborers for this year, 1867, that you and many the crop made by him before Settlement is made which by orders are prohibited. I request you not to move any more of the crop from the place until you and your laborer come to this office and have a Settlement. As there may be a possibility of you disregarding this Notice it may be as well for me to suggest that in that case a detachment will be sent- for you to appear

Respectfully
Sgnd. Geo F Temple
Asst

Office B R F & A L
Hamburg Ashley
Janry 1st 1868

To the Agent
of R F & A L
Pine Bluff

Enclosed find account against Lafayette Clark, colrd, sent you by a colored Man in Hamburg you will please collect if possible and and forward to this office
Respectfully
Yours,
Geo F Soule
Supt R F & A L

Estimate of Articles required
For destitute Refugees and Freedmen in
Ashley Drew & Bradley Cos

Hats	Caps	Coats	Jackets	Boots	Brogans	Great Coats	pr Woolen Shirts
75	0	50	25	0	75	50	75

Woolen Blankets Rubber Blankets
75 6

Signed
George F Soule
1st Lieut 28th Inft
Brvt Lt Col U.S.A.
agent

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ashley
Jany 2/68

Bennett Lieut John C
Little Rock Ark

I have the honor to forward enclosed the estimate called for in letter of Dec 19
This estimate may be somewhat incorrect as I have not had time or opportunity to judge of the wants of Bradley & Drew Co the allowance for them contained is graduated by what it is known is actually needed in Ashley Co
Signed. Geo F Soule
Supt

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
Janry 9th 1868

Genl Alfred
Sir
Complaint has been made that you are driving the Freedmen from the Leach Plantation I have to remind you that this place is on the list of abandoned lands & has not yet been restored and is uncertain when it will be.
I must therefore request of you to refrain from molesting the freedmen until the case is decided
Very Respectfully
Signed
Geo F Soule
Brvt Lt Col U S A
agent

Agents office
Hamburg Ark
Janry 24th/68

Allen Mr W H.
Sir
By order from Genl Sts 4th Mil Dist the Merchant who furnished supplies has the first claim on the crop after the claim of the laborer is satisfied Mr Malone who furnished your supplies has appealed under that order and I have therefore to notify you not to move or dispose of any of the crop raised on your plantation until this claim is adjusted
Respectfully
Yours
G. F. Soule
Supt

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
Jan 30th 18

Mr Gills
Constable Hill Co Township

Sir

Only three Bales of the cotton seized by me to satisfy the Laborers claim of Sam Moore colored will be shipped to New Orleans. The remainder I have nothing to do with. Three bales I wish shipped according to the McCombs arrangments with you he having been employed by me as an Agent to ship the cotton Pick out the three Bales as it is necessary that they should realize $160.30 net to satisfy the Laborers claim

Respectfully &c.
ad Geo L Towle
Brvt Lieut Col USA
Agt.

Agts Office
July 20th 1868

Mr Harrison Ralph
Sir

You will attend this office on Tuesday 25th inst for Settlement with you hands for labor last year as reported by D Rushing Esq at his Office for Settlement

Signed George L Towle
Agts Office
July 20/68

Mr Callahelle Mc

The board of Referees having decided that you owe Louis Horgas 45 Bush corn you will turn over to him 45 Bush of corn
This order will be his authority for taking it.

Signed Respectfully
G L Towle

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
March 6th 68

Mr Isey Hill

Sir Enos Brien Jr. Freedman has complained that you have made no just settlement with him that he am also such other complaints concerning your Conduct that it is absolutely necessary you should appear here for a Settlement and explanation. I therefore request you to come here on Saturday March 7th

The mere bearing this note have instructions to come with you and I have been induced to take this course by representations that you would otherwise fail to come

Your obt Svt
George L Towle
Brvt Lieut Col U S A
Agent

Sept.

No 1

Endorsement on Letter from Capt E. G Barker To Capt Tyler. Referred from Capt Tyler To Lieut. J.C. Taylor directing him to make settlement with Scott and Addams as soon as troops to be sent him will permit, or if Scott & Addams are beyond his reach to send the settlement to Lieut Broderick at Napoleon or Lieut. Hersey of Lemon Landing

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
Febuary 19. 1867

Respectfully referred to Lieut. Hersey Lemon Landing for his action

J. C. Taylor
1st Lieut. 15th U.S.C. Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg —

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
March 1st 67

Respectfully returned to the Asst Com for Ark with affidavit of I. D. Kenibrew as directed

1st Lieut 15th U.S.C. Supt R. F. & A. L.

List of Murders & assaults with intent to Kill in Ashley Drew & Howard Co's since March 2nd 67

upon Whom	Race	By Whom	Race	When	Where	Remarks
James Austen	White	Lieut H Spedy	White	Jan 10/67	Typo. Drew Co	Assault with intent to Kill
William Curry	"	Eugene Brown	"	7th June	" "	" " " "
Stephen Dalton	"	— Watson	"	16th May	Drew Co	Murder
Henry St Johns	"	Elizabeth Blevins	"	7 June	Nevada Bradley Co	assault with intent to Kill
Henry St Johns	"	J McMahon	"	August	" "	assault with intent to Kill. (McKee was tryed & discharged.
Henry St Johns	"	Evans Collins	"		Drew Co ...	Collins was arrested by civil authorities. arrested after words escaped out of the State
Unknown Woman	Black	Unknown Wilson	"	May 67	Ashley Co	assault with intent to Kill upon Dr Wilson. tryed by Justice Calhoun evidence showed him justified as black woman was about killing victims babe
James Ford	"	W J Donelson	"	August	Ashley & Chicot Co's	Assault with intent to Kill Donelson tryed by jurie Chicot Co & found G.S.D.G.

Signed George F Townsend
Brvt Lt Col U S A
agent

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
Feby 27/68

Mr R. F. Withers

Sir

The Colored girl Sallie has presented here your Note for $83 33/100 dated Augst 31/66 to be paid out of first cotton sold

Information is also given that your Cotton is now at Long Reach awaiting Shipment

It becomes my duty to notify you not to Ship this Cotton until a Satisfactory Settlement of your Note is made at this office

Respectfully
Geo. F. Lewis
Bvt. Lt. Col. U.S.A.
Agent.

Harris.

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
March 4th 1868

Justice Peace Drew, &
Ark

Sir

By papers transmitted to me by you It appears that a just settlement has been made between the freedman Ephram Maisco, and his employer. by which 5 Bales Cotton has been assigned Maisco and also appears that part of this Cotton has been attached to Satisfy a fraudulent account against the freedman for another Mans debt under these circumstances the freedman is authorized to Take his Cotton Without regard to this attachment. The parties pleasing it are informed that these proceedings are considered illegal and may subject them to an investigation that might be embarrassing Should any resistance be

made to the operations of this division you will please notify me and I will send you a Military force to arrest the guilty parties

I am Respectfully
Yours &c
Geo. L. Gouke
Bvt. Lt. Col. U.S.A.
Agent

P.S.

Please State to the Sheriff and others concerned for them information that before a crop of a Freedman can be attached for debt that debt must first be adjusted and proven just before an Agent of the Bureau according to present orders.

Agents Office
Hamburg ark
March 4th/68

Messrs Perkins & Stedman

Sirs

By papers transmitted to this office it appears that you is due the Freedmen Ephraim Manseen four of the 3 Bales cotton in your possession assignee. to Mr Morris and which you have Bonded.

I have to draw your attention to the fact. that this money must be paid out of that cotton and that you will be held responsible if the cotton gets beyond reach without this money being paid

Respectfully yours
Geo. L. Gouke
Bvt. Lt. Col. U.S.A.
Agent

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
March 5/68

Ralft Mr Harum

Sir

On July 20" I sent you notice to appear here on the 25t for Settlement with me of your laborers. You did not come Nor have you as yet Cunning reason for not Coming discipline & give any such Conduct is to say the least very discourteous,

I now request you to appear here on receipt of this for explanation of your neglect It is only with the greatest reluctance that I can use the Military force at my disposal. And I hope you will give me no occasion to apply it in your case

Signed George F Toole
Bvt. Lt Col U S A
Agent

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark.
March 6/68

B. Lewis Esq
Sheriff of Ashley Co
Sir

By certain evidence and explanations that have been made to me I am convinced that great injustice has been done in the case of Burrel Dean, (col'd) Committed as a vagrant by Justice Calhoun,

At this trial it appears that no evidence for the defence was taken if Deans witnesses had been examined their evidence would have cleared him

I have written to Mr Calhoun requesting a new trial and in the mean time I have to request that you will discharge the prisoner Dean from

Custody. It is only with the utmost reluctance that I ever take any step that looks like interfering with the Civil Laws. But this case is so plain that my duty leaves me no other recourse

I am respectfully &c
(Signed) George F Towle.
Bvt Lt Col U S A
Agent

Agents office
Hamburg Ark
March 6th 1868

Mr Calhoun
Justice of the Peace
Sir

By all the evedence that has been sent to me it would appear that great injustice has been done to the Freedman Burrel Dream Committed as a vagrant by you Either by the freedman ignorance or neglect his witnesses do not appear to have been called Evedence has been sent here which if produced at the time would have cleared him altogether

I have therefore found it my duty to order Dean discharged and if those who procured the charge against him, still wish to push it- as I suppose they do if they think they have been doing right. I must request you to have called on the freedman as witnesses Mr White & Mr Ellis Dunbar the latter has written me a letter denying most positively that Dean is a vagrant It is only with the greatest reluctance that I take any step that look like interfering with the Civil Laws but this seems so plain a case of injustice that my duty leaves me no other course Signed George F Towle
Bvt Lt Col U S A
Agent

Hamburg arts
March 19th 1868

Lawlock & Kerr, Messrs

George Brown. Complaint that you have discharged him

I have to remind you that if he has been absent from labor without permission the Contract reserves that his pay & Ration can be stopped for the time thus taken you cannot discharge him in this summary manner in defiance of Bureau regulations and if you persist in it will become my duty to place in force such proceedings as will enable him to recover the full amount for the time out of your pay

As Complaints has been made that freedmen complaining to the Bureau have been threatened with violence by you I must remind you that in proportion it would also become my duty to enforce them according to the orders laid down by the Genl Commdg & Asst Commr

I am &c

(Sign) Geo F Bowles
Bvt. Lieut Col U S A
Comd. Subdistrict & Agent

Asst Office
March 18 1868

Gamport, Ala B R.

Sir Complaint is continually made at this office by those who have laboring for you, that you have not paid them

You are hereby notified to appear at this office any day after the 20th inst for settlement and prepared to settle up with those whom you are indebted to for wages

Respectfully &c
Geo F. Bowles
Asst

Agents office
Mch 19 " 1868

Simon

Lt. Wm
Judge Co. Court

Sir. Simon represents to me made
to me by Parsons. I have reason to believe
That an old Freedman name Benjain Bennett
now on the verge of starvation at the loca
ty. Called Freedman Town is a person
properly entitled to the bens fit the provi
I therefore respectfully beg leave
to call you attention to the case
Without immediate relief I am
informed that he will perish
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Signed) Geo F Towle
Bvt Lt Col. U S A
Agent

Agents office
Hamby Ark
March 2nd/65

Offett

Mr James
Sir

Miles Adams, Colord, Complains
that you refuse to settle with him for work
in 1864 of Course you understand that it is the
duty of the Bureau to attend all there complaints
I have therefore to request that you appear
here with him on some day convient for you
for final Settlement

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo F Towle
Agent
Bvt Lt Col U S A

Hamburg Ark
Mch 24/68

Bostock

Mr John

Henry Fagan (Colord) Complains that you have broken the Contract Made by you with him before the Bureau Simply because he voted against you Mikes

I have to inform you that this Bill not be tolerated or allowed as a valid reason for breaking a Contract and that you will be rigidly required to observe it.

He will be entitled to his pay according to the time of the Contract for the full time of that Contract and the Military authorities will see that he has it.

He has expressed a fear lest you do him some injury but I have assured him you will not hurt him And of Course you will comprehend that you will make your self liable should you attempt it.

Yours Truly
Gen'l Swayne
Brt. Lt Col & A
Agent

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
March 20/68

Ralph

Mr Harrison

Sir I have sent you 2 notes in reference to Complaints made against you by the freedman James Washington which notes you seem to have treated with contemptuous indifference.

I regret very much that any person should impel me to the course which I propose to take in your case, But as Courtesy seems to be thrown away upon you. I now Notify you to appear at this office for settlement on Tuesday the 31st Inst and if you fail to appear by 12 o'clock. I Shall send a detachment of troops to bring you here under guard. Yours &c

Agents office
Hamburg Ark
March 27/68

Chipman Rosser & Co
Washington D.C

The blanks spaces
we were unable to fill up on account
of not having the Discharge. Request
you will fill up application where
the places are left blanks. which you
can do from the discharge

The Discharge was forward to you by
A.G. Cunningham formly agent at this place
The Money when obtained to be sent
to the agent of the Freedmans Bureau
Hamburg Arkansas through Brevt Brig
Genl. B H. Smith assistant Commissioner
at Little Rock Ark

Sir

I am very respectfully
Geo F Soule
Bvt Capt. U.S.A.
Agent

Agents office
Hamburg Ark
March 27/68

To the Asst. B R Frdmn
Montgomery Ala

David Bonds, col'd
formly a Soldier in the 1st Regiment 1st Arkansas corps. col'd Wishes
to obtain his discharge which was
left with Col. Hightower B. agent at
Montgomery Ala

If the papers can be found in your
office will you please forward to me

If the papers cannot be found
and Col. Hightower is absent will
you please forward this letter to
his address

Very Respectfully &c
Geo F Soule
Fort Lt 28th Infty
Bvt Lt Col U.S.A.
Agent

Agents Office
Hamby Abby
Mch 23" /c 8

Carlock Mr John

Sir

The Bearer of This letter claim that you have broken Contract made by him before This Bureau he

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Agents Office
Hamburg Abs
April 1" 1868

Lowery Mr
Bradley. Co

Sir

You are requested to Send the, Cld, Boy Albert Brooks to this place Hamburg Ashley Co Ars from which place he will receive transportation to Visit him at Columbia La.

Most Respectfully &c
Geo T. Towle
Bvt Lt Col & A A
Agent

Agents Office
Hamburg Ars
April 1" 1868

Cldmd. Agent of Bureau R F & A L

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that on the 8" day of Sept Jno Friedman Manuel Ard Andrew and Philip Brandon Volunteers Contracted for the 1868 with Mr H. C Harvell of this County Sept day for without any Cause or provocation they left for parts unknown I have just ascertained they were in Union County According to regulations of the Bureau these Men Cannot Contract elsewhere

I report these Men to you for such action as you think proper & take with them

Agency Office
Hamburg Ark
April 2nd 1868

Levoke | Maj. S

Magistrate

Sir

The bearer George Washington Complains that he was whipped by one of Mr. Barlock Robinson on March 16th This Robinson was in the employ of J. P Barlock Who lives on the Higgins place

The Circumstances as Stated Show it to have been a most cruel affair which should be pushed to the full extent of the Law I know how the bureau is officially call your attention to it, & prefer to turn all such cases to the civil authorities

Respectfully
Sigd Geo F Toole
Bvt Lt Col U S A
Agent

Agency Office
Hamburg Ark
May 11th /68

Latman | Mr Battle

You having made a contract before this bureau with Henry Walker are hereby informed that the Contract will be held binding upon you unless you can show good reason why it Should be annulled. Walker complains that you have driven him off the place, without cause, And if it be so, I have to inform you that neither he work or not his share will be set aside for him. at his Final Settlement

Sigd " George F. Toole
Bvt Lt Col U.S. A
Agent

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
May 12th 1868

Tinsley — Mr Milton

Sir

Complaint has been made at this office by a Freedman that you have put upon him a Mule unsound and entirely different from what you represented him to be and in Consequence he will be unable to make a Crop, It will be necessary that this affair be explained before the Bureau and I therefore request that you appear here on Friday next for that purpose

Yours

Geo F Poole
Bvt Lieut Col U S A
Agent

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
May 22/68

Lawson. — Hon. Wm
Judge Probate Court

Sir

I have the honor to call your attention to the case of one Elliotic Freedman formerly belonging to a Capt Frost who is now dead. This Freedman without Means of support he deems to me to be a case for the notice of the County Court I have also received information that one Green Elton, who has been given Charge of a Freedman named Alexander by the Court is not a proper person to be entrusted with him as he feeds him insufficiently and does not Clothe him, I would respectfully suggest that this Freedman be placed with some person who is able and willing to take Care of him

I am very Respectfully
Your obt svt
Geo F Poole
Agent

Agent's Office
Hamburg Ark
May 21/65

Gibbs

Dear
Sir

you will please bring to this office the money you have of Pleasant Thompsons
And should you have not the money you will get it and bring it and place in my hands for his use
Resp. etc
Jos F. Poole
Agent

Agent's Office
Hamburg Ark
May 22"/68

Mr Burns

Sir I have to inform you that certain official acts of yours as respects the case of Pleasant Thompson are in conflict with the regulations of this Bureau and by virtue of authority given me by orders from head quarters I must dispense the civil proceedings instituted by the Freedmen's Bureau, And Mr Bingham. I will also state for your information that the Crop of a Freedman cannot be attached for any debt before that debt has been recognized by this Bureau

As the case now stands in this matter it would appear that you have been running an independant Freedmens Bureau of your own out at Long Acre, And this of course, it will be necessary for you to discontinue

{Signed}

Respectfully your
Geo F Poole
Bvt Col U S A
Agent

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
May 25 / 68

Carter Dr

Sir The Freedmen Fred Dan Mon
worked for you in 1867 in a Contract. Made
outside the Bureau disputes the justice of
the settlement made with him by you
The first time you come to Town
will you please Come to this office
to explain the points disputed by him
which are in relation to the returns
shewn Harriet, and the price brought
by the 5 bales of Cotton

Please bring the
account Sales of
the Cotton

Very Respectfully
Your
Obdt
George F Towle
Bvt Lt Col U S A
Agent

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
May 27th 1868

Ward Mr B. D

Complaint is made at this office
by Isaac. Rodman, Col'd for Settlement for
1867

You are hereby notified to appear
at this office, on Tuesday the 2nd day
of June. with Count Sales and all
papers for final Settlement. Respectfully
Signed George F Towle
Bvt Lt Col U S A Asst
Supt Bu Missions &c

Agents office
Shakamay Creek
May 23 /68

Mr Frank Lilly
Snake Creek

Sir:
Hereby notify you that if there any more upsets of your thievishly inclined to freedmen, a detachment of troops will be sent out to arrest you.

Genl. Tuck
Bvt Brig Genl USA.
Agent.

Agent's office
May 29th 1868

Mr I. N. Cockran

Complaint being made at this office by Caroline Mincher, Col'd. That the Wikes Settlement, for 1867
you are notified to appear with your papers at this office on Wednesday the 3rd June for settlement Sept.

Gen'l Tuck
Agt.
per A.B. Higgins
Clk

1870

Agency Office
Hamburg, Miss
May 29/68

Sir Lt. D. Tough
Asst Commissr
Ala & Miss
Sir Geo G. Williams

In Alfred Ward Freedman has complained at this office that you have broken a contract made with him without cause. He has at the same time filed in this office his copy of the Contract I shall be informed you that the arbitrary breaking of the contract by either party cannot be permitted. None has been ordered to go back to you and continue to work If you refuse to allow him to do so he will be at liberty to leave the place. but his share of the crop will be reserved for him at the final settlement He has also stated that you prevented him from getting work elsewhere by stating that his employer would be held responsible for a debt you claimed Ward owed you for 1867 As you have had no settlement before the Bureau you can have no account against Ward under Bureau Regulations If Ward should insist on it it would be necessary for you to settle with him for 1867 at this office.

He has also reported that threats & violence have been made against him by certain Persons in your Neighbourhood. Named, Gibbs, I shall regret to hear of any thing of that kind occuring but I think that there will, you of course all understand that it is the duty of the Bureau to protect the Freedmen And it is made the duty of the U.S. army to support the Bureau should it be necessary.

I would be pleased if you would arrange this affair with Ward without the interference of the Bureau in a manner just to all concerned

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt
Geo T. Ingalls
Bvt. Lt Col U S A
& Agent

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
May 30th 1868

Bureau Agent
Natchez Miss

Sir on December 25-1866
a Freedman Alfred Coats left his discharge
from the 66th U.S.C.T. in your office to obtain
pay &c. The receipt is ~~to receive~~ signed by
(Lt Hayden) Alfred Coats makes information
as to what has been done about it, will you
please give him the information through this office
Very Respectfully
Signed) George F Powle
First Lieut 28 Inft
Agent

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
June 1/68

Mr Wiley T. Simpson
Sir the, Colo? Man Nathan
Lee has left in this office Receipt for 3 Bls cotton
for Shipment by you for him
you are Instructed to appear here
at this office on Saturday the 6 inst
for Settlement with him
Respectfully &c
George F Powle
Bvt Lt Col U S A
Agent

Agents Office
Glasbury Ark
June 17, 1868

Lieut J. G. Bennett
AAG. Bureau &c

Sir. In relation to the colored boy - Albert Brooks for whose transportation to Columbia La, was ordered by Genl Steward. I have the honor to State, that I twice sent out for him to come in, and on his declining I sent out a N.C. officer to bring him in to be sent over to the Steamer at Merry Saline Landing. The boy protested against going - Said he remembered nothing about his parents and he desired to be permitted to remain where he was.

The Corporal insisted on his coming, he then went into the house under pretence of getting his clothes, and thence fled through a back door into the woods, when pursuit by one Man would have been unavailing.

At the house where he has been so long stopping he appears to be well fed clothed & treated. He wishes to remain there. He will not take the transportation furnished for him and go to Columbia La, by himself. If he goes at all it will have to be under guard.

If instructions are sent to me, to send this Boy under Guard to Columbia La. I respectfully request to be furnished with transportation for one enlisted Man from Merry Saline Ldy. to Columbia La. & return

I would also request to be informed to whom the boy should be delivered up to at Columbia La.

I am very Respectfully
Yr Obt Servt
Geo. H. Fowle
1st Lieut 28 Inft.
Bvt Lt Col U S A
Agent

Sign

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
June 19/68

Mr Hudgens

When you made your contract with Charles Tibball, you agreed to take his wife to do Washing and to advance supplies for her family the same as if on the Contract Tibball informs me his family are not permitted to remain on the place - but are now in the woods. And he can get no supplies for them if it becomes necessary for Tibball to come off your Contract in order to go to work elsewhere to earn a support for his family owing to your failure to supply them according to agreement.

I have to inform you that under present regulations you will be held responsible & liable for his share all the same as if he remained to the end of the year. I think it will be better if you arrange this affair so as to be satisfactory to Tibball without obliging the Bureau to interfere in the case

I am &c
Geo F Towle
Bt Cal U S A
agt

Signed

Agents Office
Hamburg S.C.
June 19. 1868

Mr Carruthers

Sir

The colored Woman Clarissa complains that you drove her off your place and thereby broken Contract with her made at this office

I have to inform you that you will be held responsible according to Contract & Whether she works or not under these circumstances her wages must be paid

Respt
Yours
Geo F. Lowe
Agent

Agents Office
Hamburg Jan 27/68

B. F. Loan Esqr

Sir Caroline Dixon (colored) Wishes a Settlement ~~Before~~ with you before the Bureau for 1867 will you please appoint some time on the 1st of July. Wednesday. that this matter may be adjusted, If that day should be inconvenient for you July 2. will do as well provided you notify the woman that it will be the latter day. So that she may not fail to be here the Same day

Respectfully
Yours
Geo F. Lowe
Agent

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
Jun 27th 1868

Mr Terry. Whitten
Sir
Jane Bull who is on contract with you
complains that she has received from you such
abuse and bad treatment that she can-
no longer consent to remain with you If
her statement are correct she is certainly
justified in her determination & have therefore
to request that you appear at this office on
Wednesday July 1st to have this matter adjus
ted - If her statement is correct she will
be taken off your contract and you will be
required to settle with her in full
Respt
Geop F Fowle
Bvt Lt Col U S A
Agent

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
Jun 20th 1868

Messrs Y Tigtan
Gentlemen
Complaint has been
made at this office by Mrs Hawkins
& others that they worked under contract
with you 1869 & has had no settlement
you are notified to appear at
this office with papers on Friday July
3rd 1868 for final settlement with
Employees
Respt
Geo F Fowle
Bvt Lt Col U S A
Agent
for O B Higgins
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Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
July 1st 1868

Miss Hicks

Mark Root (Colrd) complains that there is a Cow on your place belonging to him which you will not allow him to take away. This Cow he says you gave him in payment for work done in 1866. If his statement is correct, the Cow is his property and of course he has a right to take it away. I would respectfully recommend that he be permitted to take her away. Without any further interferance on the part of the Bureau As it is very unpleasant for us to have to take any action in cases where Ladies is concerned

Respectfully yr
Geo. F. Towle
Bvt Lt Col U.S.A.
Agent

Signed

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
July 2/68

Lieut John E Bennett
AAA.G.
Sir

In accordance with instructions contained in your letter of June 28th I have the honor to return enclosed the transportation furnished for the Boy Albert Brooks

I am very Respectfully
your obt. Servt
Geo F Towle
First Lt 28th Inft
agt

Signed

Agents Office
Tawakony Miss
July 6th 1868

Capt. Forte

Sir Monroe Cockrell, colored, complains that you are detaining 4 of her children against her consent and her wishes, If the statement is correct these children would seem to be kept in slavery by you in direct violation of act of Congress.

I have therefore to request that you make explanation of this thing on next Friday - the 10th inst so that these children may be restored to those liberty you are depriving them of

Yours

I am &c
Geo A. Towle
Bvt Lt Col U S A
Agent

Agents Office
Tawakony Agency
July 7. 1868

Madison Wheeler

you will allow Jane Sanders to keep her child unmolested. Any interference on your part will be noticed at this office

Yours

Geo A Towle
Bvt Lt Col U S A
Agent

Agents office
Tawakony Agency July 7/68

Sam R. Clinton

The Bearer Jane Sanders, colored woman has complains that the notice left with you by Sanders, and dated July 6th 1868 & 1867. and has never had any settlement. and that you owning him

You are notified to appear at this office in Tawakony on Saturday the 11th inst for final settlement -

Yours,

Agents office
Tawakony Agency July 7/68

Respectfully &c
G A Towle, agt
Bvt Lt Col U S A

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Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
July 7th 1869

Mr King

Sir Complaint is made by Jno Rodgers, colrd, that he worked for you for wages 6 months at $15 p month and deserves Settlement. You are notified to appear at this office next Saturday the 11th inst, for Settlement

Respectfully yrs
Geo F Fowler B&RCo&c
agent

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
July 7th 1869

Mr Harroce

Some time since I sent you notice to appear here for a settlement with your hands for 1867 This notice you have treated with the most contemptuous disregard It therefore becomes my duty to have you brought in by a Military force which will be done as soon as I have leisure to attend to your case, You will have to be made to understand that you cannot set at defiance the laws of the United States, with impunity, Should the Soldiers not be able to find you when they go for you the first time you will be sent for again. As yours is the first case, happening since I have been here, of stubborn resistence to the law; it will perhaps be necessary to make an example of you, And I shall therefore make a special report in your case to the General Commanding, for such orders as he may think proper to direct,
A rigid examination will also be made as to the way in which you went through bankruptcy with a view of recovering the rights of the freedmen

Respectfully yrs
Geo F Fowler
Agent

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
July 8th 1868

Mr Parish

Sir Complaint has been made at this office for Settlement by Emma Baker, (colrd) for labor rendered you on your place you are notified to attend at this office on Monday the 13th of July for Settlement — Sign'd Geo. F. Toole Agt

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Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
July 8th 1868

Capt J. St. Norris

Sir "Complaint" by George Peugh, (colrd) has been made at this office that you are owing him for labor done 1867 you are notified to appear at this office on Monday the 13th July. for Settlement with George Peugh, (colrd), and to bring in with you all witnesses required

P.S. Notify & bring in with you David Thompson & Zack. Ballum who are living with you — } Signed Respectfully yr Geo. F. Toole Bvt Lt Col U.S.A. Agent

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Agents Office Hamburg Ark
July 9/68

Mr. Parish

The enclosed paper was sent to you yesterday by Emma Baker (colrd), but she reports that you refused receive it. If this is so, no Ceremony would seem be required of us in dealing with you, should it occur in this case again, you will be summarily dealt with, Should you not be here on Monday, a Notice, a Squad of Soldiers will be sent out to bring you in Should they not find you the first time they will come again, Geo. F. Toole Sign'd Bvt A. Col. U.S.A. Agent

Agents Office
Hamby Ala
July 10th/68

Mr Sam Lowery
Sir

Complaint has been made here as to the manner in which you are treating the Negro woman Francis. Who is being supported by you at the expense of the County, You are hereby notified to appear here in Hamby 15th Inst. for explanation

I am &c
Sign'd Geo. F. Poole
Bvt Lt Col U S A
agent

Agents Office
Hamby Ala
July 10th/68

Mr Green. Elton
Sir

Considerable complaint has been made as to your treatment of the insane freedman who has been placed with you by the County for support - It is necessary that explanation should be made and you are hereby notified to appear here for that purpose on Saturday the 18th Inst

Sign'd. Geo F Poole
Bvt. Lt Col U S A
Agent

Agents Office Hamby Ala
July 10/68

J. P. Barnes

Complaint has been made at this office by Cato Lucas that his Mother. Aray Pugh & her grandchild for 1866. you are hereby notified to appear at this office in Hamby the 15th Inst for explanation

Sign'd
Geo F Poole
Agent.
for A B Wiggin

Agents Office
Hanley Ark
July 18th 1868

Mr Frank Hazard
Pole Land Ark

Sir. Complaint has been made at this office by Jno Arnold (colored) that he has been obliged to leave your place where he was working on contract by reason of being treated with cruelty and abuse. I have to inform you that the Law is that when a freedman is prevented from carrying out his contract by such treatment, the Bureau relieves him from the contract, but at the same, you can will be held responsible for his share the same as if he had worked. If Johns Accounts Statement is true you can will be liable for his share, and he will be allowed to go elsewhere to work

you will be allowed till Saturday July 25th to dispose his statement and if not done by that time such papers will be made out as will ensure the saving of Arnolds share of the crop to him

I am resp
Geo F Fowler
Asst Supt Ref & Ag
Agent

Agents office
Hamburg arke
July 18th 1868

Mr & L Pospoin

You are hereby Notafied to appear here on Friday Sept, July 24th for Settlement with Alfred Pospoin, (colored)

This is the decond notice that has been sent to you; and if you do not comply with this one, it will be necessary to have resort to other measures to answer your attendance which of Corse I should regret to have to do

Sign, Geo T Jewett
BVt L. Col U S A Agt

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
July 28th 1868

Mr P E Easter

Sir, Complaint has been made at this office by Fed Wade, col'd for Settlement for 1867

You are notified to appear here on Saturday the 8th of Sept next to have Settlement with Fed Wade Sign. Geo T Jewett
Agt
for WB Biggers Clk

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August 17th/67	Abbott Asa. T. 8d Lt 38 US.I Act Post agent	Camden Ark's August 7th/67 A Correct Copy of Special Order No 162 Dated Camden Ark's July 30th 1867 Endorsed hereon	176	
Decr. 20/67	Ayer's A.S I.P.	Drew Co. Ark's Franklin Township Dec 15th 1867 Acknowledgment of order regarding difficulties between Mr Lockett Kirby Tilghman and the Negroes And find nothing done to these injury In case of debt I have cited Mrs Moore to Trial and no doubt they will get all due them	195	
Jany 1st/68	Ayer's A.S. I.P.	Drew Co Ark's Franklin Township Dec 26th 1868 Claim sent to him has been curtailed and balance is in judgment for Lewis Moore #21 Delia Moore 29,12	15	

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March 1st May 20th/67	Bennett, Jno. E 1st Lieut	Little Rock May 14th/67 Wishes you to ascertain and report to this office The best point to ship a small amt of supplies for Helena for your district	44	
May 20th/67	Bennett John E 1st Lieut.	Little. Rock Ark May 14th/67 Directs that you will not enlist any Freedmen who are under contract unless consent of both parties	46	
May 20th/67	Bennett John E 1st Lieut.	Little Rock Ark May 13th/67 The asst Commissioner directs that will to do citizens should as fare as practable furnish the land transportation for these provisions. Land transportation will probably be required from Pine Bluff on this Route to you Station You will report whether transportation can be furnished as prescribed	49	

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April 11"/67	Crane Joseph G Brvt. Maj chf	Little Rock Ark's April 4"/67 Enclosed Circular No 1 establishing the rations to R. & F. Arma rations has not been Changed since 1864. Ans future address to Vicksburg Miss-	33	
Oct 26"/67	Graves H. H 1 Lt. 28" U S A	Camden Ark's Oct 23"/67 Invoice & Receipts of Subsistence Stores Shipped by Sergt Haley with Detachment of 6 Men to relieve Detachment now at Hamburg. If there is any probability of running short of supplies notify me in time to me	185	
Aug 9th 1867	(Crane H. H. Act 2 Lt	Camden Ark's Receipt of subsistance stores transfered by me to Lt Taylor has been received but on account of you not being an officer of R.U.S.A. am not valid you will therefore exercise supervision over the stores as you are held responsible for the same	188	

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date & purport of Letter	No
March 20/68	Cunningham A.G. Agt. R.F.&L.	Lake Village Ark March 18th/68 Enquiring about Girl Dinah. Calls Will send in July from Tyas after her	7
May 25th/68	Cunningham A.G. Agent R.F.&L.	Hamby Ark May 25/68 States that he has a quantity of Government Stores on hand and no place to store them Can rent a room for $2.50 per month asks instruction	11

Endorsement & Memoranda

Little Rock Ark
Dec 2nd 1868

Respectfully returned to the agent at Hamby Ark
The renting of the within mentioned room at
$2.50/100 per Month for storing Government Commissary
Stores is authorized, This endorsement will
be the authority for so doing By Comd of
Bvt Maj Genl Smith. Bvt Brig Gen
Asst Commissary

Jno E Bennett
Act Asst Adjt Genl

When Recd	Name & Residence of Writer	Date & purport of Letter	No.
		Monticello Aug.	
Jany 1	68 Davidson W. H.	Dec 30th 1808	16
		Information that Jo Carter & Co. Mrs Forgue a Contract. While on his way to Point get away Pleas give notice and have arrested	

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Letters Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date & purport of Letter	No.	
June 6 "/67	Eaton. A. B C. G. Subsistence	Acknowledges Receipt of Returns of Provisions for the month of April have been examined in this office and transfered to the Third Auditor for final Settlement	57	

Endorsement of Memorandum

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April 4"/67	French. E.B. Auditor	Second Auditors Offi March 14"/67	32	
		Return the account of Dr J.J. Newton That a Certificate be attached to the official Character of S.J. Cook a justice of the peace. A Certificate from a Clerk of a Court of Records would be proper with 5 cts R. Stamps affixed to each		
June 29."/67	Foote. William A.	Berlin Md June 28"/67	63	

Endorsements & Memorandums

Office Supt R H & A L
Hamburg Ark
April 24th/67

Respectfully returned to E B French Auditor
or Treasury Corrected as directed

J S Taylor
Lieut 15th Corps Supt R H & L

Not on File

Endorsement in Letter from William A. Foote
Office Supt R H & A L
Hamburg Ark
June 29th 1867

Crops cannot be tended by Freedmen to the charge of
the Employer who furnishes Supplies in Case
these parties can Nothing for their services furnishing
themselves. The Employer not standing responsible
for the Supplies. A Bond Delivered at this office
would be binding. But no Mortgage can be allowed
to interfere with Employees loan for Supplies furnished
E B. Lt Col [illegible]

J J Taylor
1 Lieut, 15th Corps, Supt R H & A L

Letters Received	Name and Rank of Writer	Date and purport of Letter	No
June 10 "/67	Leicester Lieut. & adjt. B. R. For'd & L	Pine Bluff Ark June 4 "/67 Instructed by assistant Commissioner to take charge of the wife of the Carpenter old Uncle Billy & the Children of Verna & Lillie and send them to this place at you earliest opportunity Tell the Folks & Comanche the cow for them pay has been ofer ge to Gel Bvt They will duly advised as soon as the papers come Back	52

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date of and purport of Letter	No	
Feby. 1"/67	Maj. Gl. O.O. Howard	War. Department B. R. F. & A. L Washington Jay 24"/67 Instructions to officers or agents to Charge no fees in connections with Contracts. Contracts to be in Writing if Possible.	2	
April 4"/67	Majr. Gnl O.O. Howard	Washington March 4"/67 S. B. Higgins being appointed Clerk in the Bureau of R. F. & A. L. And the oath prescribed by Law to be filed in office of Assistant Commissioner	31	
July 8"/67	Henry Ltt S.	Louisa Landing Ky July 18"/67 Stores having been landed at this point for you - Charges $4 00/100 on the same. With letter forwarded to you having been opened through Mistake	166	

Endorsement & Memorandum

Office Supt R Fr. &c
Hamburg S.C.
July 9th 1867

Respectfully returned to Lieut Haeg with Statement
where must be a Mistake in the supplies being
designed for Me as I have made no application
for them & the Command - here is supplied
to the 20th of Sept., sent from Camden for which
point I receive all my supplies.
If the supplies are designed for me it will be
impossible to bring them to this point while the
Roads are in their present condition. Would
recommend a return of these papers to the Commissary
at Charleston for explanation.

Respectfully
D L Taylor
Lt 15th Inf. Supt R Fr. &c

When Received	Name & Route of Writer	Date & purport of Letter	No.
April 1 "/64	Tyler. Samuel — Farmer	Grayson. Co. Miss. March 12 "/64 Request to get his Son Esquin at Jacob Reeds and give over to S B Higgins to keep for him	14

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When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date of & Purport of Letter	No
Sept. 24/67	Leach J. M.	Lexington Mo. 6 August 3rd/67 His agent Dr Allport writes that the U.S. mustd Clame rent on his place unless pardoned. He was a Member of the U.S. Congress that broke up the Govermt & did all in his power both by Vote & Speaking to Prevent it. Can Send Certificate of Bureau Agent	179
Oct 29/67	Lyster Mrs Capt 19th Inft.	Montello Wis Oct 25th/67 Informing Mrs that the Detachment leaves for London expect to Send arrangements that Lieut Lyster Started of the 28th Inst to his Company at London Mrs Confined at this Station	186

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date and purport of Letter	No
March 17"/67.	Montgomery A.	Q. M. Gl. Office Washington Feby 2."/67 Directing Quartermaster of your department to place to the Credit of the Quartermaster of the Post of Fort Gibson and Arkansas such funds as may be necessary to pay the Claim of Jacob Ufford To. Referd to assistant Q. M. Gl. Factory at Harrisburg. Pa.	8
March 4"/67.	Montgomery. A.	Head. Q. M. Department Little. Rock. Feby 28"/67 Enclosing Draft duly signed for $30 in substitution for one returned on the 13th inst.	75
April 4"/67	Mower Genl. Staff Brevt. Maj. Genl Asst Commy for. La.	New. Orleans La March 15"/67 Informed that a body of troops shall be sent to scour the Country infested by the gang; and to arrest the parties guilty of the Crime of hanging Peter Cobb	36

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date & purport of Letter	No
July 18th/67	Mowery. 2. Lt. 6 Cl. 30th U.S. Inft.	New. Orleans La June 22nd 1867 Respectfully returned to Col C H Smith asst. Com'r Little Rock with the information that notwithstanding diligent search has been made for Messrs Plummer & Daniels they cannot be found in this City either through the mail or otherwise	169
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Nov. 10/67	Montague R R agent	Raleigh Miss Oct 28th/67 That the Two Children of Isaac Gemmon Lewis and Ellen has left the neighbourhood	
March 4/68	Mills, Sam'l. M. Asst. Adj't. General	Little Rock Ark's Feby 15th/68 Trans. mittle of appointment of Registrars for Ashley Co. With copies of Gen'l Orders No 4 and 9 copies of Oaths which to deliver in person If any of the parties decline to accept from any cause. You will Select other Suitable persons and report your action to head quarters All Necessary expenses incurring to be paid by Maj. Genl Smith. Brvt Major U.S.A—	4

Endorsement & Memorandum

Office Supt R & D & L
Hamby Ark
July 19 "/67

Respectfully returned with Statement, Plummer & District place of Business is No 92 or 93 Camp St- New Orleans.

This case I have placed in the hands of an Attorney to bring Suit against Messrs. Plumer & Daniels for the recovery of the value of this Cotton

Very Respectfully &c
A J Taylor
Lt & 1st Asst. Supt R & D & L

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date & purport of Letter	No.
Feb 6/68	Moore. Selma	Drew. Co Ark Jany 30th 1868 Complains the mail fr Ellenis & has not got his Money request it collected.	17
Aug. 20th 68	J. M. Mills 1st Lieut & Adj Asst. Adjt. Genl. R. R. D.T. & L.	Bureau R. F. & L. for Ark. Office Asst Comm Little Rock Ark Aug. 11th 1868 Directs Lieut J. Weinreiter to make out & forward to his office a new application of Isaac Bond (rebel Fountain Hill Ashley Co. Ark.) for arrears of back pay and bounty to be returned with papers enclosed P. 406.	

Bureau of R. C's A.L. Fountain Hill Oct. 29th 1864

Respectfully returned to 1st Lieut Saml M. Mills 1st A. A. A. G. D.T.
with a new application enclosed duly executed, as directed.
The whereabouts of David Bond (colrd) being hitherto unknown the
within instructions could not be sooner complied with

S. Geisreiter
Agent B.R.C.'s A.L.

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date & purport of Letter	No	
Febuary 1st/67	Ord. Genl. C.O.C.	B. R. F. & A. L. Little Rock Ark. Jany 24th/67	3	
		A Company of colored Cavalry to be sent. To satisfy the planters that a stop must be put to outrages against Soldiers &c that the Freedmen will be removed from the County & sent elsewhere		

Endorsement & Memorandum

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date and purport of Letter	No.	Endorsements & Memorandum
February 1st/67	Page. Bvt. Henry	B. R. F. & A. L. Little Rock. Ark. January 26th/67 Directing that affidavits of hanging a freedman be forwarded without delay and that all reports of this nature be accompanied with proper Evidence.	4	
Feby. 5th/67	Page. Bvt. Henry	B. R. F. & A. L. Little Rock January 31st/67 Directing To report whether or not any of the rooms occupied at this office are occupied for Sleeping Room or Quarters		
Feby 8th/67	Page. Bvt. Henry.	B. R. F. & A. L. Little Rock February 2nd/67 In receipt for one Copy of the Bureau office Manual.	6	
Feby 8th/67	Page Bvt Col Henry	Bureau R. F. & A. L. Little Rock Feby 8th/67 Enclosing Check 165 on Merchants National Bank. Little Rock for $107 25/100	7	
Feby 12th/67	Page Bvt Col Henry Bvt Col & A. A. G. M.	B. R. F. & A. L. Little Rock Feby 8th/1867 Receipt for Sixteen Dollars Refugees & freedmen fund	10	

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Feby 12"/67	Page Col Henry	B. R. F. & A. L. Little Rock Arks. Feby 8."/67 Bureau. Not allowed but one room if two is used report as one Caution to note. Members Vouchers	11	
Feby 23"/67	Page Col Henry	B. R. F. & A. L. Little Rock Arks. Feby 18"/67 Acknowledging receipt of returns of the Month of December. To Nat Account. Current.	12	
March 17/67	Page. Col. Henry Brvt Col. A.F.M.C.	B. R. F. & A.L. Little Rock Arks. March 5th/67 To forward a requisition for the necessary Blanks Books for the use of Office	16	
March 17/67	Page. Col. Henry Brvt Col. A.F.M.C	B. R. F. & A.L. Little Rock Arks. March 11"/67 Receipt of Eleven $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars.	18	
Feby 25"/67	Page Col Henry A.A.M	Little Rock Ark January 10"/67 Check on Merchants National Bank Little Rock $\frac{54}{100}$ Payable to order John Carroll for Services rendered	20	

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		Officers of Bureau are Cautioned of the impor tance of stating explicit ly on the face of the Vouchers for what purpos the articles are purchased	
		Little. Rock Ark March 18th/67	
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		Return Vouchers to Abst act L for Month of Febuary Appended on Card not Issued to be Appended on Abstract F.	
		Little. Rock Ark March 14th/67	
March 23d/67	Page Brvt Col Henry		24
		Enclosed draft on City. National. Bank New Orleans for $88 75/100	
		Little. Rock Ark March 18th/67	
March 23d/67	Pierce Brvt Col I. H.		25
		Enclose invoice and Blank Receipts of Ill Stores Sent by Sergt Green Co I. 28th	

Endorsement of Memorandum

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date & Purport of Writer	No.	Endorsement & Memorandum
March 25th/67	Patterson, W. a	Little Rock Ark's March 18th/67 Returns papers pertaining to Return of Q.M. Stores for February for Correction Direct that the returns be made and forwarded in Triplicate That affidavits of disinterested persons be taken in case of Vouchers to Abstract. L.	28	
April 25th/67	Page. Brvt Col Henry	Little. Rock Ark's April 18th/67 Informs that the following named vouchers for purchase of property issued by you will not be paid until Circular Letter dated November 6th 1866 has been complied with. Henry Lee Charles Bittrell B.T. Rice	36	Office Supt R.F. & A.L. Hamby Ark's April 25th/67 Respectfully returned with Abstract as required would respectfully State that the Circular referred to was never received by me until it was received in a file belonging to the late Gen'l Supt at Monticello among the records of said office and not having occasion to inspect the file referred to. I was ignorant of the existence of the circular until my attention was called to it by this letter D.J. Taylor Supt R.F. & A.L.
Not on File				
May 2nd/67	Page Brvt Col Henry	Little Rock Ark's April 19th/67 Enclosed receipt of John Wallace Post Master for $83 55/100 Which has been taken up at Nat'l Bank also $1 45/100 Commission on payment of S.B. Wiggins & al Lefler Vouchers	42	

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May 20th/67	Page Brvt. Col. Henry	Little Rock Ark May 11th/67 Enclosed check No 403 receipt of which you will please acknowledge for $19 in payment of acct. as follows Henry Lee $6, C Rottaudt $3. B. F. Rice $10, &c	47	
May 20th/67	Page Brvt. Col. Henry	Little Rock Ark May 13th/67 Return of Q. M. Stores for the month of April 1867 for Correction. Abstract B. shows the issues of Forage to 4 animals while the return shows but two. The proper remarks must be made showing why the number of animals issued exceed the number born on return	48	
June 17th/67	Page Brvt. Col. Henry	Little Rock Ark June 10th/67 Enclosed herewith check No 465 on Merch. Natl. Bank Little Rock for $85. Payment of Vouchers of S. B. Maginis - $75 " A. Lefiles ... 10	53	
July 10/68	Page C.I. Henry D. C.	Little Rock Ark July 10/68 Order to furnish transportation for Albert Brooks a distitute Col'd Boy from Hawley Ark to Chamber Co to ascertain if there any way of transportation for Hawley to Columbia	195	

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July 31st/67	Page Brvt Col Henry A.A.G.	Little Rock Ark July 11th /67 Enclosed Draft on City Nat. Bank New Orleans La for $85.00 in payment of Voucher Arrears Rations . . $10,00 D.B.Ellizzons . . 75,00 Services for June 1867	172
July 21st/67	Page Brvt Lt. Henry A.A.G.	Little Rock Ark July 15th/67 Directs to forward a list of C. Masters Property to which you were responsible on the 30th June 1867 Showing the condition of the articles whether serviceable or not. Also such as no longer are required for use in Baues	173

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June 15th/67	Radetzki 1st Lt. 2d H. A. 28th Infantry A.C.S.U.S.A.	Office A.C.S. Camden Ark. June 10th 1867. Transmittal Invoices and receipts of Subsistence Stores sent this day by Steamer Judge Fletcher	54
June 20th/67	Radetzki 1st Lt. 2d H.	Office A.A.C.S. Camden Ark. June 17th 67. The detachment for Hamburg reached this point June 16th having to back but 3 horses. Has receipts for but C.S. Withers for 4 horses at Hamburg. Request Certificate stating fully the facts the loss of 2 horses If you can make Certificate give what evidence can be furnished	57

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Office Asst. R.Q.M.G.
Hamburg Ark
June 20th 1867

Respectfully returned to Lt. E.H. Radetzkie. I cannot certify of my own knowledge to the loss of the 2 Horses as they died while absent from this station and while enroute from Camden from the other while absent to Memphis. Corporal Welch can furnish you the evidence in the case of the loss of one I can also give you the Names of others. Of the Men on duty here who can testify to the loss of both of them I forwarded information in the Matter by Lieut. Green to Fort Pickering.

J. S. Taylor
1st Lt 28th Inf & A.C.S.

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date & Purport of Letter	No	Endorsements & Memorandums
March 23/67	Styles Lieut U.S.	Little Rock. Ark's March 18th/67 Invoice of two horses transferred to Sergt. Green return enclosed receipt at earliest Convenience	26	
March 29/67	Stroop S.F. & others	Dress. Co Ark's March 19th 67 Request Change of the names of Goodnight & Sella. Strum to column to go to Feeder Not on file	29	Office Supt B.R.F. & A.L. Hamburg Ark's March 29th/67 Respectfully Returned to Co Stroop and others with information that Request has been complied with J.S. Taylor 1st Lieut 15 US C. Supt B.R.F. & A.L.
May 2/67	Smith D.J.M.	Camden Ark's April 17th/67 Request that Lieut J.S. Taylor 15 USC Supt B.R.F. & A.L. Furnish him with an official Certificate that the five horses at that place have died	36	
June 10/67	Swaney Brt. Maj & ACS	Helena Ark's June 7th/67 Enclosed herewith Invoices and receipts for 1382 lbs Bacon 9800 lbs Corn Meal please sign & return at your earliest convenience the duplicate receipt & one copy of Receipt No 1 have not the necessary Blanks Which to issue them supplies	60	
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When received	Name and Rank of Writer	Date & purport of Letter	No.	Endorsement and Memorandum
Received Back Feby 1st/67	J. S. Taylor	Office Supt R.F.&A.L. Hamburg Ark. Dec 21. 1866 Request information of Baldwin Trotter, Col.	1	Respectfully referred to Lieut J. S. Taylor 2 U.S.C. Supt. Hamburg Ark. by Command of Bvt Maj. Gen. [illegible]
Feby 12"/67	J. S. Taylor	Office Supt R.F.&A.L. Hamburg Ark. Jan 24/67 In reply to letter directing him to have Doc R. M. Dickerson take the oath and complete Contract as Contract Surgeon at Hamburg States that Doc Dickerson cannot take the said oath		Respy returned to Lt. J. S. Taylor 2 U.S.C. Supt. Hamburg Ark. with the information that Doc R. M. Dickerson has taken the oath of allegiance by Lt. R. Hamilton Surgeon U.S.V. Medical Director
Feby 23"/67	Taylor John 1st Lieut. 43. U.S. Inft	B. R. F. & A.L. Little Rock Feby 19 1867 Directing the Gaoler Boy Alfred Berry to be arrested and sent under guard to Little Rock	13	
Feby 25."/67	Taylor John 1st Lieut. 43. U.S. Inft-	B. R. F. & A.L. Little Rock Feby 21. 1867. Informating of having sent Copys of Circulars 5. Current Series with instructions to send a Copy the Civil Magistrate in the County	14	

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March 17"/67	Taylor. John 1st Lieut U.S. Inft	B. R. F. & A. L. Little Rock. Ark, March 9"/67 Directing that Circular 30 Series of 1866. has not been suspended- Agents to judge of the Necessity of retaining prisoners in their Districts and to be the judges in requesting. Power to arrest Persons-	17	
March 17"/67	Taylor. John 1st Lieut U.S. Inft;	B. R. F. & A. L. Little. Rock Ark March 12" 1867 Direct that Circular No 7. Current Series to be published- Receipted Bills of the Publisher in duplicate with Copy of advertisment to this office for payment;	19	
March 23"/67	Towle 1st Lieut Genl Inft	Little Rock Ark March 18"/67 Invoice Ordnance Stores turned over to Sept Green for transportation upon the arrival of the stores date sign and return Receipt	23	

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March 25/67	Tyler 1st Lieut 10th Cav. Bvt Lt Col. U.S.A.	Little Rock March 18th/67 Receipt of Monthly reports for February having submitted to Assistant Commissioner with his approval. Directs that if the Civil authorities to take Cognizance of the assault of James Forde. to arrest the offenders and if the officer is prevented send them to the nearest post Commander for Confinement For forces apply to the Commanding Officer Post of Pine Bluff	27	
March 28th/67	Tyler 1st Lieut 10th	Little Rock Ark March 21st/67 Informs him that agents of the Bureau to render such Service as consistent with there other duties in obtaining recruits for the 10th Regiment U.S. Cavalry Colored. All recruits must be at least 5 feet 6 in high Give information to be given through the Colored Preachers that recruits are wanted	29	

Date Received	Names & Ranks of Writer	Date & Purport of Letter	No
April 15/67	Tyler 1st Lieut John	Little Rock Ark April 4th/67 Furnish Capt. Barkerdale assistance in his attempts to secure the detectives and arrest the parties who attempted to assassinate him in Jany 1866.	34
April 22nd/67	Tyler 1st Lieut John	Little Rock Ark April 11th/67 Directed by assistant Commissioner that this office is in frequent receipt of applications for Clerkships Should at any time you be in need of a good Clerk request thereupon made at this office	35
May 2nd/67	Tyler 1st Lieut John	Little Rock Ark April 22nd/67 Directions to making efforts to ascertain the Whereabouts of the named Children and report as soon as practicable Taken by husbands from them former owners John Henby 15 mile of Jefferson Ark. Minnie. Lucy. Hannah Spencer & Tom	36

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date & purport of Letter	No	Endorsement & Memorandum
July 28/67 Not on file	Turner C A.	Ashley Co Ark Petition forwarded for the restoration of Land Ark andersons in the name of Robert Anderson	174	Office Supt R'ds & Ab Hamburg Ark July 31st 1867 Respectfully forwarded to Bvt. Brig Gen'l C H Smith Asst. Comm'r of Ark with Statement that the within mentioned lands are borne on the records of this office pertaining to abandoned lands in the name of Robert Anderson & described as containing 640 acres of which there is 300 cleared 290 new land 50 acres in cultivation & situated 28 miles SE of Monticello From all the facts in the case I am of the opinion that the land was not strictly abandoned Anderson who had control of it went to Texas but P A Turner (whose widow now asks for its restoration never left his home during the war And as the land was only Bargained to Anderson & not paid for the title of the land was still in Turner the facts as set forth in the Petition are believed to be strictly correct. I would recommend that the land be returned to Mrs Turner & her Children who are now the legal owners Most Respectfully &c D S Taylor 1 Lieut 15th U.S.C. Supt R'ds & Ab
August 15/67	D S Taylor 15 U.S.C.	Little Rock Ark August 10th/67 Enclose contract for School to Mr Kettrell to secure $25 pr month & Board. and as much more as can be had, and a teacher is certain forward the papers to E E Miller Supt of Schools B R F & A L Little Rock	177	
Oct 29/67	Thompson E M St. Post Asst	Monticello Oct 28th/67 Information that at this time all the Mounted forces at this command is at this time absent. That a suitable force will be sent the last of this week	187	

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May 20"/67.	Bennett 1st. Lt. & act as. adjt. Genl	Little. Rock Ark. May 13"/67 Respectfully returned to Lt. J. S. Taylor Agent Hamby for correction and attention invited to Circulars No 11 Commissioners office and No 3. from this office (inclosed) and especially to Orig 3 Circulars No 11. There supplies are not issued in rations but so many bushels or pounds pr month to each individual. By Command of Bvt Brig Gel C. A. Smith Asst Comrs		Office Supt R. F. & L. Hamburg Ark. May 23/67 Respectfully returned Corrected Blanks herein referred to in Circular No 11 Bureau R. F. & L. Washington April 3/67 under head of instructions to returns have not been received at this office and I correct inclosed requisitions as I deem to be in accordance with the Circulars. If not correct please forward the forms of Blanks J S Taylor Supt B R C Supt R F & L
Not. on File				
May 26"/67 Not on File	Bennett 1st Lieut. A. A. A. General	Little. Rock Ark. May 13"/67 Respectfully returned to Lieut. J. S. Taylor Agent Hamburg who will ascertain all the facts and Take affidavits to substantiate all statements and report the result of his action to this office		Office Supt R. F. & L. Hamburg Ark. May 30"/67 Respectfully returned with report that all the information I am able to obtain here touching this case is contained in the enclosed affidavit. Mr Giles is the party referred to as giving me the information. His affidavit enclosed discloses all he knows about the matter that he is willing to swear to. A reference of these facts to Princeton Dallas County might elicit more information J S Taylor Supt B R C Supt R F & L
August 17"/67	Black William Freedman	Warren Ark. August 5"/67 If my Sister can at Same time in this Co. they are bound to his Wishes pursuing of them as they can dispatch	178	

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date and purport of Letter	No	
June 6"/67	Bennett. John C 1st Lt. 28th U.S.I.	Little Rock Ark May 29"/67 Permission has been granted Ab Carpenter Fillis Robinson and Rina Nelson Col, to remain in Jefferson County Directed to take charge of those females now in Hamburg or vicinity supply their immediate wants and forward them to Lieut Leisenter at Pine Bluff	50	
June 10"/67	Bennett. John C 1st Lt. 28th U.S.I. Act on File	Little Rock Ark June 1"/1867 Respectfully returned to Lieut. J. S. Taylor Asst at Hamburg for correction Vouchers for printing must be made in duplicate on the endorsed forms and and be accompanied by duplicate Specimens of work done and the original bill as rendered by the publishers	51	
June 15"/67	Bennett. John C 1st Lt 28th U.S.I.	Little Rock Ark June 4"/67 One Months Supplies have been furnished to Mrs Solomon for the Distressed in Ashley County the necessary returns as provided for in Circular 11. Blanks forwarded	53	

Endorsement and Memorandum

Office Sup't R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
June 11" 1867

Respectfully returned to Bvt Brig. Genl. C. H. Smith Asst. Commissioner Little Rock Ark. Corrected as directed.

J. S. Taylor
1st Lt. 15th U.S. Inf. & Bvt. A.A.G.

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date and purport of Letter	No	
June 20/67	Bennett John E 1 Lieut 28 U.S. Infty.	Little Rock Ark June 10" 1867 Respectfully returned to Lieut J. S. Taylor Agent Hamburg Ark The purchase of 1 office desk 1 office table and 3 cords of wood hereby authorized and approved	52	
June 20/67	Bennett John E 1 Lieut. 28 U.S. Infty Act. Asst. Adj. Gen	Little Rock Ark June 13" 1867 Respectfully returned to Henry St. John Warren Bradley county (There' Lieut J. S. Taylor agent at Hamburg) If it be determined to appoint an agent for Bradley County the within recommended person will be considered By command of Bvt Brig Genl C H Smith Ch Commissioner	62	
Not on file -				
June 25/67	Bennett John E 1 Lieut. 28 U.S. Infty Act. Asst. Adjt. Gen	Little Rock Ark June 18" 1867 Respectfully referred to Lieut J. S. Taylor Agent Hamburg for investigation and report. This to be returned with report endorsed. By command of Bvt Brig Genl C H Smith Asst. Commissioner	64	
Not on file				

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Office Supt R Fr & Lds
Hamburg Ark
June 20" 1867

Respectfully forwarded to Bvt. Brig. Gen'l Henry Hl Whitebey as the authority for purchase made by me and reported in my Property Returns pertaining to Bureau of R Fr & Lds. for the month of February -

J S Taylor
1 Lieut. 15th. Inf. Supt R Fr & Lds

Office Supt R Fr & Lds
Hamburg Ark
June 21" 1867

Respectfully forwarded to Henry St. John attention invited to endorsement of Asst Commissioner B R Fr & Lds. Little Rock Ark.

J S Taylor
Agent Bureau R F & Lds
for Ashley Drew & Bradley Cos

Office Supt R Fr & Lds
Hamburg Ark.
June 25" 1867

Respectfully returned with report. Mr Lowery states that the Boy Albert is with him that he has commenced the papers for having him apprenticed to him as an orphan But that the papers like completed in not having received the signature of the Judge of the County Court. That the mother of the Boy was supposed to be dead but subsequently being unknown, and that he does not desire to retain the Child against the wishes or mother

J S Taylor
1 Lieut. 15th Inf Supt R Fr & Lds

When Received.	Name & Rank of Writer	Date & purport of Letter	No	Endorsement & Memorandum
July 18th/67	Bennett John E 1st Lieut. 28th U.S. Inft	Little Rock Ark. July 1st/67 Direct that you forward to this office without delay the report for the Months of May & June. The Number of Adults White " " " Do Colored " " " Children White " " " Do colored The whole number issued to clerks during the month. The reports must be full & explicit and forwarded without delay.	167	
Oct. 9th/67	Bennett John E 1st 28th U.S.I.		182	Endorsed on Communication & forwards the Adams & Harris case Office Supt N.R. & Ct.s Hamburg Ark.s Oct 8th 1867 Respectfully returned with Statement the Place of Business of Messrs Plummer & is New Orleans & return herewith Settlement of this case with all the papers pertaining thereto and would respectfully request that Mr Plummer be found & the amount due the Employees now in his hands be collected and forwarded here for Distribution among the hands To do Satisfactorily all the accompanying papers should be returned with the Money J S Taylor 1st Lt 15th VR & Supt N.R. & Ct.s

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1	Bennett Lt. Jno E. A. A. A. Gen		181	

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date and Purport of Letter	No	
May 2nd/67	Withrell 1st Lt & A Post adjutant	Camden Ark April 22nd/67 A detachment of 2 non comm'd officers & 8 privates will proceed to Hamburg to relieve the party now at that Place. With Supplies for 4 months with one hundred rounds of ammunition each Quartermaster to furnish transportation	41	
May 2nd/67	Walsh Capt 2 W	Little Rock Ark April 22nd/67 That the four men sent up to enlist. were received were examined and none of them could be enlisted Parties under contract for Labor must not be enlisted Cant give any authority to Contract for Substitutes for Recruits until examined & Received.	39	
May 10th/67	Withrell 1st Lt & A. Post adjutant	Camden Ark April 26th/67 Directed to inform Sergeant Green to return by land and to bring along with him both of the teams now in use by his and Sergeant Talsams detachment & the saddles & Carriages of the horses lost	38	

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date & Purport of Letter	No
May 11th /67	Witherell Lt. 6.S. Post adjt.	Camden Ark. April 25th /67 The detachment at Hamburg to be relieved by another of the same strength & composition to start to day with from Mo with return forage &c Instructing Sergeant Green in leaving Hamburg only take sufficient return & forage to reach Camden Request that to furnish affidavits to the loss of Horses belonging to the detachment The loss shall be explained.	37
May 13th /67	Whittlesey H. M Brt. Brig Genl	Washington D.C. April 29th 1867 Referring to your account of March 1867 Vouchers No 1. Abstract & Reports Forage as issued to Four Horses. The returns showing only Two Public Animals as on hand An Explanation is required	43
May 20th /67	Whittlesey Henry Brvt. Brig Gen	Washington April 30th /67 Property acct" Stores pertaining to the Bureau Refugees for the Month of March have been received Examined & forwarded to Auditor & Settlement.	45

When Received	Name & Rank Of Writer	Date and purport of Letter	No
Jun 20/67	Whittlesey E A.A. Inspector Genl.	Washington D.C May 28th/67 Call your attention to Circular No 11. April 3/67 That full and accurate reports be made promptly. Every officer & agent employed in distributing Supplies should take receipts & forward to this office. To make separate Property returns distinguishing them by the words Spetial Helena Funds. Forward report for the month of April. In each monthly report give the number of White & No of Colored Persons relieved.	59
July 18/67	Wetherell. C.S 1 Unit 28 Infy	Camden Ark July 15th/67 States that Corporal Robinson has been detained at this Post on account of the condition of the horse another Horse is sent in his place with Forage to last till the 19th inst	171
July 28/67	A Whittlesey A.A.G Brvt Brig Genl	Washington D.C July 5th/67 Informed that official communications for this office should be addressed to Majr Genl O.O. Howard Com'r R.F.&A.L. and in the margin Marked for Chief C. Master.	175

When Received	Name & Rank & Where	Date & Purport of Letter	No
July 3rd/67	Gyatman. Thomas	Swan Lake Ark June 14th/67 Got the money from Henry Baly on the note left with you & of Mr Morris and send to the agent of the Freedmen Bureau Pine Bluff.	165
Not on file			

Enclosures & Memorandum

Office Supt R. F. & A. Ls
Hamburg Ark
July 2. 1867

Respectfully returned to Thomas Gyatman through agent Pine Bluff with information Henry Baly is insolvent & has left the county the note against Mr Morris is in the hands of J. J. Cook Esq. for collection and will be made as soon as possible it can not be made before fall

J. J. Sayler
1st Lt 15 Mo Cav. Supt R. F. & A. L.

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Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
March 18th/67

Pippin Jerry

Complaint is made at this office that you are abusing and treating in a bad manner a black child named Henry Pippins. This is to inform you that if said child is not properly fed clothed and treated with kindness by you I shall be compelled to remove him from you control

J S Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U.S.C. Supt R.F. & A.L.

1

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
March 18th/67

R. R.
Ashley Co. Ark

Complaint having been made at this office that you have beat and driven off a child, Colored Girl named Jane Simpson without pay you will appear at this office on Wednesday 20th day of March 1867 in the town of Hamburg and answer to the above charge

J S Taylor
1st Lieut U.S.C. Supt R.F. & A.L.

2

See B.M.B. 9.

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
March 3rd/67

Dickerson vs 0

R. M.

You will pay the amount of the proceeds of the Cotton now in your hands which belonged to Druscillar Pepsion Colored, and Sold to you by Richard Lock being $14 To Mariah Holland Druscillars daughter & This shall be your Receipt against all claims whatsoever

Most Respectfully
J S Taylor
1st Lieut. 15th U.S.C Supt. R.F. & A.L.

See B.M.B. 31

Supt Hudgens
Sarah Hudgens
Margarett Hudgens
} Colored

You are hereby directed to appear at this office on Wednesday March 20th 1867 to give evidence in the case of Jane Simpson vs. R. R. Hudgens

J S Taylor
Lieut 15th U.S.C. Supt R.F. & A.L.

Office. Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark.
March 12th 1867

Hill — Robert

3

Complaint having been made at this office by Simon Waters for settlement for the year 1866. you are hereby notified to be at this office in Hamburg on the 20th of this Month. (Saturday) for a final settlement with the Freedmen

Respectfully
D. S. Taylor
1st Lieut. 15th U.S. Supt R. F. & A. L.

See B.M.B. 32

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark.
March 18th 1867

Barnack — Louis

4

Please call at this office and adjust a little difference in regard to services rendered in 1866 for you by Simon Ford (clerk)

D. S. Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U.S. Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark.
March 11, 1867

Green — Sergt. S.
Co. A. 28th U.S.I.

5

You will take charge of the yellow Boy Alfred. Berry now under guard in your camp and proceed to Little Rock Ark with him under guard and there turn him over to Brevt. Maj. Genl. C. B. C. Asst Supt Com B. R. F. & A. L. for Ark & Indian Territory. You will detail one private from the Detachment under your charge to accompany and assist you in the discharge of this duty. You will take with you ten days cooked Rations for you self & party having performed this duty you will then return to this station without delay

D. S. Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U.S. Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office. Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark.
March 30th 1867

Sumner — David

6

Complaint is made by Calvin Davis that settlement has not been made for his services rendered you in the year 1866. A Contract for the performance of which is on file in this office You will meet me at the Hamilton Plantation on Tuesday the 2nd April 2nd 1867 at 9 oclock A.M. prepared to settle or call at this office in the town of Hamburg Ark on Thursday April 4th 1867

D. S. Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U.S. Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office. Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark.
April 1st 1867

Lambert — Sipe

7

Sir

Complaint has been made at this office that you have settled with John Simpson one of your Employees in the year 1866 in a manner unsatisfactory to him, you are hereby directed to report at this office in the town of Hamburg on thursday April 4th 1867 and adjust this matter. Satisfactory to all parties Concerned

D. S. Taylor
1st Lieut. 15th U.S. Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark. April 4th 1867

Lambert — Sipe

8

Sir The day having been so unlikely the case of yours and John Simpson is set for Monday the 8th of April. You are hereby notified to attend at this office in Hamburg Monday the 8th of April for a settlement with John Simpson (clerk).

D. S. Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U.S. Supt R. F. & A. L.
In [illegible] Clerk

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark.
April 6th 1867

Burk
9

Henry
Dear Sir.

I am informed that you have in your employ a Colored boy named Nathan Duckworth, who is under contract to Mr I. P. Harberson in this County. you will permit the Boss I. P. Harberson or his agent to arrest and bring to this office the Boy Nathan and inform him that a refusal on his part to return will subject him to punishment

D. S. Taylor
1st Asst Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
April 6. 1867

James
10

Davis

Sir You will appear at this office in the town of Hamburg Ark on Monday April 8th 1867 prepared to settle in full with Calvin Davis (colored) for services in 1866 A failure to respect this summons will not be disregarded at this office and will subject you to the penalty of arrest, It is to be hoped that I shall not be compelled to enforce respect to the authority of the Government but is my duty to assure you that I shall not hesitate to do My duty in the case

Respectfully
D. S. Taylor
1 Asst Sub R. C. Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
April 9th 1867

Morgan
11

M. F.

Sir

Complaint is made at this office by Mary P. Williams, Col, that she is badly treated treated and threats of shooting her by you, you will appear at this office in Hamburg Ark on Saturday the 13th Inst. and adjust the matter.

Respectfully
D. S. Taylor
1st Asst Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
April 15th 1867

McCulloch
12

John. R.

Complaint has been made at this office that you have fail to comply with your contract made with Louis. Morgan Colored, for the year (1867) You will appear at this office in the Town of Hamburg on Tuesday April 16th 67 prepared to answer the above charge

D. S. Taylor
1 Asst Sub R. C. Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office. Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg. Ark.
April 16th 1867

Noble
13

Archibald.

Sir

The Colored boy Harry Whom you were directed to pay in Settlement made at My office Complains that Settlement & pay has not been made. I hope further trouble in this matter will be avoided on your part by a prompt Settlement and payment of the hands in question. You can settle with the hands personally without coming to my office otherwise I shall be Compelled to enforce Adjustment

D. S. Taylor Supt
R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt B.R.F. & A.L.
Hamburg Ark
April 17th 67

Morgan — W. H. Esq
Millcreek Township Ashley Co. Ark

Sir

14. Elizabeth Daniels (Col) has come to this office and made complaint against her Husband Alex Daniels (Col) in that that said Alex Daniels did on or about the 16th ult (April 1867) severely whip her with a rope without just cause or provocation.
We would most respectfully request you to take the case up and try said Alex Daniels for assault and battery. If Prompt and legal action is taken in this and all other similar cases such abuses or outrages will soon become much less frequent.
I am Sir very Respectfully
your Ob. Svt
J S Taylor
1st Lieut & Bvt Capt R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt B.R.F. & A.L.
Hamburg Ark
April 17th 67

Calaway — Judge

15 Sir. It is reported here by Mr Switzer that the Boy Levi Bradley whose name is on his contract, is at your house you will please inform the Boy Levi that he has to return and comply with his contract to Mr Switzer his Employer. Yrs Respectfully
J.S. Taylor
1st Lieut Supt B.R.F. & A.L.
per [illegible] Miss Clk

Office Supt B.R.F. & A.L.
Hamburg April 18th 67

Harris — Mrs —
Dem. County

16 A Colored Woman Milly Jackson

makes complaint at this office, that she has relatives with you, her sister children, three Martha & Allethia both being dead, you will let her Husband Andrew Jackson have them if they are there, by her statement she is the proper person to take charge of them.
Respectfully
J.S. Taylor
1st Lieut Supt B.R.F. & A.L.
By [illegible] Miss Clk

Office R.F. & A.L.
Hamburg Ark
April 26th 1867

Harris — Miss & others
Drew. County

I send Andrew Jackson, Col'd, accompanied by 2 Soldiers U.S.A. after the Children of Rachel Dennis, Whose names are Eliza Laura & Polk you are directed to give them up to those men Andrew Jackson Without any more trouble
Respectfully
J.S. Taylor.
1st Lieut 15th U.S.C. Supt R.F. & A.L.
per [illegible] Miss Clk

To Mr Harris
" Calaway
" Hope

Office Supt B.F. & A.L.
Hamburg Ark
April 29th 1867

Stevenson — Mrs Matty
Madam

18 Complaint has been made at this office by Emelia (Colored) who worked for you last year that she has not been paid for her services of 1866. You are directed to appear at this office in Hamburg Ark on Saturday the 4th day of May next prepared to settle up in full with her
Respectfully
J.S. Taylor
1st Lt. 15th U.S.C. Supt R.F. & A.L.
per [illegible] Miss Clk

See Bill B 45

Office Supt R Frd A L
Hamburg Ark
April 27th 1867

Clark — Mr. Frank

19 — Sir

Complaint has been made at this office by Hamilton Colony, Colrd, that you have not settled with him for the year 1866, You are directed to appear at My office in Hamburg Ark on Saturday the 4th day of May next prepared to settle in full with him

Respt Yours
J. S. Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U.S.C. Supt R Frd & A.L.
per S B Wiggins Clk

See B. MB - 1.

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
April 29 1867

Pugh — R. H.

Sir — It is impossible for me to visit your place to day. I would suggest that you call the attention of the Civil Officers to the case & if they fail to notice it I will if you prefer it and can prosecute the matter to trial about Thursday next I will try and come down to see you & attend to it I prefer however that the Civil officers attend to the matter Please inform me what action you take in the matter

20 —

Respectfully
J. S. Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U.S.C. Supt R F & A L

See B MB 43

Office. Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
May 2nd 1867

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
May 23rd 1867

Bard Esq
New Orleans

Sir your letter of April 2 has at length reached me. In reply I must state that it is impossible to settle this matter until I am put in possession of an itemized account of articles purchased by each freedmen in

Enc.

Office. Bureau. Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
May 11th 1867

Page — F. H.

Morris Daniels, Col, desires settlement before me of his acct for the year 1867

21 — Pleas meet me this P.M. at this place & let the matter be adjusted

Respectfully &c
J. S. Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U.S.C. Supt R F & A L

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
May 10, 1867

Kennard — Nelson

Sir I am informed you have in your possession a colored boy named Leroy Haynes of whom his father Stephen Haynes desires possession

22 — The Parrant having the undoubted right to Controle of his Child you will deliver the boy to his father that he make take charge of him

Respectfully &c
J. S. Taylor
Lieut 15th U.S.C. Supt R F & A L

Office Supt R Frd A L
Hamburg Ark
May 31st /67

Russell | Robert
Ashley Co. Ark

23. | Sir John Kenor Colored, in your employ has reported to me his being molested & his wife having Whipped by John Morris. I have placed the case in the hands of the Civil officers & I presume Mr Morris will have a hearing before them for the alledged Whipping. As Kenor is in your employ I hope you will see that he is not Molested. If unable to protect him yourself Call on Me or the Civil officers to have it done I have the honor to be &c
J S Taylor
1 Lt 15 U S C Supt R Frd A L

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Hamburg Ark
August 1867

Simpson | Samuel (Colored)
Complaint is made to me that the Mother of one of you Children desires possession of the same
As it is the Law that Where parents have parted, and the mother can provide for the Children She is the lawful party to have control of them At her request you will deliver to her, her Child Samuel McShan unless said Child is under legal written contract to labor for the year 1867 in which case you will deliver the Child so soon as the Contract expires
Very Respectfully &c
J S Taylor
1 Lieut 15 U S C Supt R Frd A L

See Misc File No 23

Office Supt R Frd A L
Hamby Ark
Dec 21st 1867

Slade | William
25 | Isabella Simpson complains to me of her child being whipped and of other act of injustice on your part. I have turned the Matter to the Civil officers for their action. As the Commander is absent from home I direct this woman to return to her work and assure her that she shall be protected, I confidently expect this assurance to be made good on your part & hope I shall not be called upon to take further action for I assure you both the Commander & the Employer shall be protected in their rights to the utmost of the Law
Respectfully
J S Taylor
1 Lieut 15 U S C Supt R Frd A L

Office Supt. R Frd A L
Hamburg Ark
August 16th /67

Wells | Mr H
Near Portland
Sir
Complaint is made to this office by Mariah Wells, Col'd that that you have in your possession her child Mary and refuse to give her up. It is the Law that the Parents are the lawfull party to have control of their children; At her request you will deliver to her or to the Soldier of U S C. Who accompanies her, her Child Mary. unless under written contract for the year approved by the Bu in which case you will refer to the Bureau for authority for such } Respectfully J S Taylor
1 Lieut 15 U S C Supt R Frd A L

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Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Hamby Ala
Augt. 29th 1867

Bamack N.

Complaint is made at this Office by John Holmes, Colrd, Laborer on your place that you are gathering Corn out of his Crop Without Measuring or his Consent & that his life is in danger by you The Contract is to be Strictly Complyed With by both parties you have the Copy & can apply for yourself about the gathering of the Crop. It has to be delivered When ready for Market Corn by the bushel &c If you have any Complaint you can report at this Office

Most Respectfully
A J Lawler
1st Lt. 15th U.S. Supt R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Huntsville Ala
August 31st 1867

Mr M A Switzer

Sir Complaint has been made at this Office by Hyram Allen, Colrd, Who is in your employ that for difficulties which has occurred & what he has been he is agreed on your place you will appear at this Office on Saturday the 8th Inst & give in your Statement

Most Respectfully
A J Lawler
Supt R.F. & A.L.
for A.B. Meggis A.A. Asst

Agents Office
Hamburg Miss
Jany 27th 1868

M. M. Hazard & McBride

Sirs

By order from
head qrs 4th Mil. Dist,
Any Sale transfer or removal of Crop
before the labors Claims are Satisfied is
Strictly forbidden,

Martha Lance, Col'd, holds
your Note for Wages of 1866 & 1867 Which
She has turned over to the Office for
Collection for her I have therefore to
Notify you not to dispose of any part
of the Crop Made by you, until This
Claim is Satisfactorily adjusted

Geo. F. Towle
Bvt Lt Col U.S.A
agent

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date & purport of Letter	No
Oct 24/67	Bennett Jno E. Lt. 28th US Infy	Little Rock Oct 19th/67 Informating as to what there children are being kept for than parents by, from the papers the returned with report returned.	184
Not on file			
Dec 1/67	Bennett Jno E. A A A. General	Little Rock Ark Nov 28th/67 Direct that you report to this office the age of the Free Boy Albert Brooks living with Lowery Ashley Co From proper information transportation will be furnished the Boy	192
Dec 1st/67	Bennett Jno E a a a General	Little Rock Ark Nov 28/67 Direct that you report to this office the age of the Free Boy Albert Brooks living with Lowery in Ashley Co from proper information; Transportation will be furnished the Boy	192
Dec 3d/67	Bennett Jno E a a a General	Little Rock Ark Nov 28th/68 Direct that you report to this office the age of the freed Boy Albert Brooks now living with the Lowery in Ashly Co.	197

Memorandum & Endorsements

Office Supt B.F.& A.L.

Respectfully returned to Hd qrs with the information that the Children were Taken without the consent of the Mother and Son being Escaped for her Custody to her claims & Without her consent

The ages of the Children are Respectfully

16 14 & 10 years

Agent B.F.& A.L.

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date and purport of Letter	No
March 25/68	Bvt Maj Genl A Baird Asst Adjt. General	Little Rock Ark's March 10th 1868 Instructing if S B. Higgins is still on duty as clerk in your office and if not at what time was he discharged	6
C B. No 6/68			
July 3/68	Bvt Brig Genl Wm E Bennett Asst adjt Genl	Little Rock Ark's June 25/68 Directed by Assistant Commissioner that the transportation of Albert Brooks be returned and no further action taken	21

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Endorsement

Hamburg Aug
Aug 24th/68

Respectfully returned S B Higgins is still on duty in this office never having been discharged

I am led to infer by this enquiry that there may be some return or report of Employees required While I have neglected to make it my Clerks informs me that my predecessor have made no such reports nor can I find any order on file requiring them

Geo F Towle
First Lt 28 Infy
Bvt. Lt Col U S A

Signed

Friday

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date & purport of Letter	No
Oct 27th/64 Mch 25/65	Jno. A. Gray Jr Brvt Maj U S A Agent	Hembury Ark Jany 24/64 Request that vouchers be sent for signature of G. B. Brown For rent of Rooms & Property. and by authority endorsed	

Memorandum & Endorsement

Little Rock Ark.
Feb 8th 1868

Respectfully returned to Brvt Lt Col Geo A Gray Jr Asst Agt with information that this is not a proper charge against this Bureau but should be reported and paid by Capt Jno W.C. Barton A A Gn all Pine Bluff Ark in accordance with G.O. 16 Series 1867 Head Qrts to which yr attention is called

Signed Henry Page Bvt Maj

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date and purport of Letter	No	Endorsement & Memorandum
Dec 20/67	Page Lt Henry A Officer	Little Rock Ark Dec 18/67	196	
		Return requisition for month of December/67 for requisition for fuel for cemetery you will sign receipts and certificate of return		
Feb 25/68	Page Henry A A	Little Rock Feb 17/68	5	
		Enclose check for $3.50 cts in favor of McCombs		
March 2/68	Page Henry A A	Little Rock Ark March 1/68	6	
		Enclosed check or draft on New Orleans $8.45/100 in favor of Surgeon at		
March 18/68	Page Henry A. A	Little Rock Ark Mch 9/68	8	
		Enclosing vouchers of S Wiggins & A Lefils to be signed & returned		
Mch 31/68	Page Lt Henry A. A.	Little Rock Ark March 28/68	9	
		Request that Mrs Lefiles sign them in the name of Armand Lefils and his signature written by or from as required (vouchers)		
March 31st/68	Barhart. J. W agent. R & A.L.	Magnolia Ark March 29th/68	10	
		Complaint is made by Lewis Wood (Colored) that two children of his were taken by J. B. Carlock without consent & turned over to transportation for some		

When Recd	Name & Rank of Writer	Date & place of Writer	No	Endorsements & Memorandum.
April 25th/68	Page Col Henry D. C.	Little Rock Ark April 14/68 Enclose draft on New Orleans for $985.4 pymt. vouchers J B Wiggins & A Lefils	12	
May 24/68	Page Col Henry D C	Little Rock Ark 186 Enclose draft for Eighty five dollars on New Orleans in payment vouchers Armand Lefils + J B Wiggins	15	
June 22/68	Page. Col Henry D. C.	Little Rock Ark June 17th 1868 Enclose draft on New Orleans for Eight five Dollars	18	
July 30th/68	Page Col Henry D C	Little Rock Ark July 20/68 enclose invoice + receipts for clothing shipped thro'd St Louis Baton Rouge Bluff to be signed & returned	19	
July 3/68	Page Col Henry D. C	Little Rock Ark July 15/68. Transportation furnished for the Boy Albert Brooks to Columbia La	20	

When Received	Name of Bank of Writer	Date and purport of Letter	Endorsement and Memorandum
Nov 2nd 1868	Page Henry S.A. & D.C.	Endorses for signature Vouchers as follows S Geisreiter $ 146.67 S.A. Lefils 10.00	Office of Agent P.B.D. & A.L. For Ashley Drew and Bradley Co's Dinsmore Still Ark Nov. 2nd 1868 Respectfully returned to Henry Page D.C. The voucher of S Geisreiter is properly signed on which pay ment is requested to be made. The Voucher of Pvt S.A. Lefils should be made out to include Sept 12th 1868 the remainder of the month Pvt R.B. Higgins for this place is entitled to and for one room as an office at $4.00 per month as per my report dated Sept 28th 1868. S. Geisreiter Agent P.B.D.& A.L.

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date & purport of Letter	No
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Oct 13/67	Page Bt Lt Col Henry 2 A & D of	Little Rock Ark Oct 8th 67 Enclosed copy of communication of Gen Ballock Chief Dr B. R. Ark Directs transfer on form 532 to Q. Rmstr Army Regd. all Persons & Articles hired in this District of Ark Will be reported by me and vouchers sent for signature on the return of which checks for the amount will be sent No report of form 2 will hereafter be required.	183
Nov 6/67	Bennett P. E. Asst Adjt General	Little Rock Ark Nov 1st 1867 Respectfully returned to Lt Col W. H. H. Loveland (thro Lt J. Cunningham Agent at Hamburg) inviting attention to the Endorsement of the Disbursing Officer herein By command of Bvt Lt Col H. Smith	188
Nov 6/67	Bennett John E Asst Adjt General	Little Rock Ark Oct 31st 1867 Respectfully returned to the Agent at Hamburg Should it become necessary to send a Company of troops under command of a Commissioned officer. The officer must be required to perform the duties of an Agent & the Present Agent be dispensed with By Bvt Lt Col H. Smith	189

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date & purport of Letter	No.
Nov 15/67	Page Henry Disbursing Officer B. R. & M. R.	Little Rock Ark Nov 8th/67 Return of account of cost of transportation for correction. The amount must be supported by original orders which the journey was performed. And Certified Copy of Same To furnish this office Monthly with full to be made in in Monthly returns of one cent per month	189
Nov 21/67	Page Col Henry D. Officer	Little Rock Ark Nov 14th/67 Letter is invited to Office Manual Page 283 No Furniture & Stationary Receipts & Ft Taylor Ordered that enough Paper to last over one year	190
Nov 14th/67	Page Col Henry D. "	Little Rock Ark Nov 14th/67 Enclosed Property acct for the Month of October Informing that all the Public Property at Hamburg will be accounted for on My returns Invoices of Property will be furnished with Vouchers	191

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date & purport of Letter	No.
Dec 3/67	Page Col Henry Disbursing officer	Little Rock Ark Nov 29th 1867 Vouchers for wood returned with information that all vouchers for wood & forage will be signed by me & put in my returns and accounted for in my returns, in future will purchase you allowances of wood on the first of each month.	134
Nov 15/67	Page Henry D. Officer	Little Rock Ark Nov. 8th/67 Returns the account of cost of transportation. for correction. The amount must be supported by original order under which the journey was performed and certified copy of same To furnish the office monthly with fuel and to make return of one copy for month	111
Nov 3/67	Page Henry A. C.	Little Rock Ark Nov 29th 1867 Vouchers for wood returned with information that all vouchers for wood & forages will be signed by me and put in my return and accounted for in my returns. In future you will purchase allowance of wood on the first of each month.	132

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date & purport of Letter	No
Feby 10th/68	Page Col Henry D. A.	Little Rock Ark's Feby 3rd/68 Order to furnish transportation for Albert Brooks a distributee, colr, Boy. from Hamburg Ark's to Columbia La To ascertain if there any way of transportation from Hamburg to Columbia La by which the Boy can be sent	194
Feby 2/68	Page Col Henry D. A	Little Rock Ark's 1 January 22nd/68 Enclosed draft in favor Oleans for $85.	
Feby 10/68	Page Col Henry D A	Little Rock Ark's Feby 3rd/1868 Order to furnish transportation for Albert Brooks a distributee, colr, Boy from Hamburg to Columbia, La To ascertain is there any way of transportation from Hamburg to Columbia by which the Boy can be sent.	2
March 9/68	Page Col Henry D. A.	Little Rock Ark's Feby 26th/68. Enclosed draft in favor Oleans for $88.	3
Dec 12/68	Page Col Henry A A G	Little Rock Ark Dec 12/67 Enclose Check for Commission for $3.52	195

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When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date & Purport of Letter	No
July 18"/67	Radetzki. Lt 9. H a a g. m	Camden Ark July 14"/67 Corporal Robinson left this post this morning in charge of two horses for Hamburg	170
August 17"/67	Radetzki Lt 9 H A C S	Camden Ark August 14/67 Enclosed invoice and receipts of Subsistence Stores by Special order No 178 The Stores are sent to Mississippi Islands. From which place you can have them transferred as heretofore In future Keep me informed as to State of Supplies	175

When Received	Name & Rank of Writer	Date & purport of Letter	No
June 20/67	Sweeny Maj. H A.C.S	Helena Ark June 11"/67 Bill Lading of one Hhd and 1 Bbl Bacon and Seven Sacks Corn shipped per Steamer Louisville to Maj Saline Cty. When the Stores are received send duplicate to Col Henry. Page Little Rock	61
July 18/67	Sibley Col C.C. 16th U.S. Inft.	Savannah Ga. Feby 12" 1867	168
Not on file.			
Nov 10/67	Jno Henry	Warren Ark Nov 10"/67 The Freedmen are making complaint of their troubles & treatment requesting that you come up here and remove their difficulties	189

Endorsement & Memorandum

Office Asst A.A.G. & A.A.
Hamburg Ark
Aug 19" 1867

Endorsement on Communication of Bvt Lt Col C.C. Sibley Asst Com" of Georgia informing that Thomas Chambless has left Georgia & gone to Drew County Ark with out paying hands in his employ in 1866 and asking that the same be collected

Respectfully returned with information that after General efforts no such person as Thomas Chambless can be ascertained to be residing in Drew County and is believed not to be in the County.

Very Respectfully &c

E B.

Lieut 15th U.S. Inft A.A.G.

Date of Receive	Name & Rank of writer	Date & purport of Letter	No.
August 20/67	Smith J. M. act post Agent	Camden Ark Augt 14th/67 A Detachment is sent to Hamburg to relieve a detachment now at that place. The detachment relieved will return to this Post by way of Boat.	193
August 20th/67	Smith J. M. A P. Agent	Camden Ark Augt. 14th/67 A Detachment is sent to Hamburg to relieve a Detachment now one at that place. The Detachment relieved will return to this Post by way of Boat.	193

Office Supt R. F. & A. Ls
Camden Ark
January 31st 1867

Lyler

Brvt. Major John
Capt. U.S.C. A.A.A. G.
Little Rock Ark

I have the honor to submit report for January as follows,

During the greater part of the Month there has been neither troops or Negroes in the County and I have accomplished but little the want of troops is believed to have been the result of high water Desertions &c preventing there being sent from Camden about the 25th of the Month a Sergeant and 9 men with four horses arrived here from Camden with which force I hope to be able to accomplish something,

Since the passage of an act by the State legislature legalizing negro Marriages the Clerk of the Circuit Court in this County has been complying with its requirements and recording the Certificates of Marriages, I am also assured by the Judge of the County Court that he has recently Consulted with several of the justices in the County and that they express a willingness to take up and have tried Cases as are brought before them in which the negro is interested This I am of the opinion is the result of the publication and probable enforcement of Circular No I have heard of but one case as yet being so adjudicated And believe Justice was done.

Believing it to be the desire of the Assistant Commissioner and in accordance with the Spirit of published instructions I shall endeavor to have the Blacks adjudicate their cases as far as possible in the Civil Courts, now that a Spirit seems to be manifest to permit them to do so But shall deem it to be my duty to notice cases myself should justice

not be rendered.

No serious outrages have been reported during the Month on the Blacks It is reported to me that two White men & three a party of negroes in the road and robbed them of a small sum of money doing them no other damage, This occurred on the Bayou above Portland about 18 miles from here,

One White Man has disappeared named Sharp and is reported by the friends of Sharp to have been murdered by a party in the southern part of the County of whom I made mention in my December report as having hung a negro, The existence of this band I do not vouch for but that a class exists among both White and Black in that section is true, The Civil authorities arrested a man named Hillers as being one of the murderers of Sharp, The evidence against Hillers was very strong but as the remains of Sharp were not found Hillers was released, A Man by the name of Black and the wife of Sharp assure me that the band does exist having its head quarters about Sulphur Springs and extending down into Louisiana, that the band has for its object professedly the regulation of the Country the disarming of the negroes &c and under this cloak the Crimes referred to have been committed

In the investigation before the County Judge of Hillers one of the witnesses swore that he did not dare to tell what he knew through fear of this Band of regulators,

A. M. B. F. Black White on the road out from Mary Saline Landing about the evening of the 28th of the Month was waylaid and robbed of $285. by three men who sprang upon him from the road side as he passed along this Crime was committed in the same section of Country as that of the supposed Murder of Sharp Neither of these Crimes were committed for any known political feeling, But I deem it to be my duty to State any facts of this character that come

under my observation,
The Murder of Theft Constitute the Eighth
Crime of that Character that is Certainly
Known to have been Committed since I came
into the County on the 10th of last July 4 of
these were Soldiers, of the remainder 3 were
Blacks and one White Citizen, Besides
there one Negro Woman was Caused to
Loose her Child from severe beating
The Settlements of the Contracts of 1866 is
progressing very slowly as but out of
Approved in the County in 1866 have as yet
been Settled and Cancelled This is to be
attributed to Two Causes one the disinclina-
tion of Employers to Come forward and Settle
and the Second is the short crops and low
price of Cotton Which is Causeing many to
hold back there Settlements. Contracting
for 67 is also very backward and from
present indications not One half of the
Hands in the County will be put under
Contract in the year 1867.

D S Taylor
1st Lt. 15th U.S. Inft R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt. R. Freedmen,
Hamburg Ark
February 28th 1867

Lt. John.

Sylvester

In submitting report for Feby I have the honor to state that the month has passed in comparative quiet with no reports of outrages upon freed people being reported in this County. The threatened removal of the blacks contained in the letter of the Asst. Commissioner to me of Janry 24th/67. has produced considerable feeling. And the views taken in the matter by a few individuals about Hamburg & vicinity, has reached you. I doubt not on this. I had much preferred for the good of the County that these energies of these men had been directed in and evening to ferret out and bring to justice the perpetrators of the crimes complained of instead of endeavoring to hunt down an officer for reporting them but seemingly as I understand, these few men desire an investigation. I cordially join with them in requesting this investigation, if in the judgment of the Asst. Commissioner such investigation is deemed requisite for the Public good. I will say however in justice to the People and even the men prominent in assailing me that beneath all these outward shows of outrages, incence a better tone of feeling has made itself manifest. And I can assure the Asst. Commissioner that he struck the exact spot when he threatened to remove the Blacks.

And I can only hope that whatever views he may deem requisite to be pursued toward me personally. That the good effects produced by this threatened removal & the publication of Circular 30 will not be permitted to be counteracted. for I can assure him there has been no hour since I came to the County, when the prospect for Justice & Protection

to the Blacks was as flattering as the present; Let these people know that you are in earnest and its good effects will soon be more apparent.

In the case of John. Shearer who whipped the woman near Popular Bluff in this County last fall which whipping is believed to have caused her to give still birth to a child The justice A. de Calhoun after permitting the case to lay for months took notice of it a week or two ago but did not arrest Shearer

I went to the neighborhood and found that the day of investigation was set but that the testimony was not hunted up

I produced the names of witnesses and sent them to the justice but as Shearer was at large I am informed he has made it convenient to step out of the way

Calhoun is the same justice who failed to have Smith arrested in August last for the murder of Jerry Willson saying to me that there was danger in arresting such men,

I invite attention to Affidavit of James Ford of Drew County which accompanies this.

A Copy of this affidavit has been sent to officials of Drew County. but time enough has not yet elapsed for ascertaining the action taken.

In the matter of robing the Army Wagon already reported, I have succeeded in recovering all the property taken except 2 sacks of grain 3 of the sacks of grain were at Linn Grove Store when the Civil officer failed to find it when they searched for it. one sack was picked up on the road by A. de Agee in whose possession I found it

Another Murder is believed to have been perpetrated in the County. A. Dan Rennick an old and esteemed Citizen residing in the South Eastern Corner of the County

near the Louisiana line mysteriously disappeared. some three weeks after within about one half mile of his home no traces have been found of him nor any clues to his supposed murderers

Three Negroes were arrested but after a hearing before squire Calhoun there being no evidence whatever against them they were released,

In closing this report I would respectfully state that a want of horses has been the greatest obstacle to my enforcement of orders here. Such is the case Now I have but two left out of the 4 sent here in January. One died on the road here a second one died on the Road to Monticello, after the needs of the late Genl. Supt. And the two remaining ones are so entirely worn out and worthless that I have desisted from using them in hopes of Recruiting them.

The assurances of the support of a full Company of Cavalry gave me great encouragement but if they are not to be sent, I would suggest that at least 8 good horses are absolutely required to successfully enforce orders here

J J Taylor
1 Lt. 15 U.S.C. Supt. N. Ark Dist

Office. Supt R. F. & A. L.
Dardanelle Ark
April 10th 1867

Tyler — Brevet Maj Gen
A. A. A. G.
Little Rock Ark

May I have the honor to submit report for the month of March

The feeling in this County remains much as heretofore, But two difficulties have been reported between Freedmen & Employers. I called the attention of the Civil officers to them and in one a fine of Ten Dollars was promptly imposed upon the Employer for assault, The second case was an assault committed by one Frank Hazzard on a negro man named John Avant, I caused the arrest of Hazzard by the Civil officers, Hazzard at the same time swearing out a warrant for the arrest of Avant for assaulting his wife

The parties were both tried before Squire Robert Lloyd, and notwithstanding the evidence was positive that Hazzard had beaten and abused the negro, the justice decided that Hazzard was justifiable in beating the negro and therefore acquitted him, The negro however was bound over in a bond of 100 Dollars to keep the peace. This decision I regard as making a mere farce of justice and shall deem it to be my duty to enforce Circular 30. I invite attention to Affidavit marked A in this case, The circuit Court was in session here the third week in the Month, I made an effort to have the Grand jury call me before them that I might present cases in person but could not succeed. Some of the jurors remarking that if Lord Taylor had any thing to do he had better do it, that they did not want any of his help, Failing in getting called before the Jury I invited the attention of

the 2 Prosecuting Attorney to cases with the view of having them brought before the Grand Jury but he refused them to the justices of the Township where the offence was committed

I fear but little will be accomplished for it seems impossible to get the officers in most cases to lay aside there old prejudices & administer justice to a black man the same as white, I invite attention to paper Marked B, which will disclose the action of the Grand Jury in the case of the band of Regulators in this County & in Louisiana referd to in my previous report, I have received no intelegence of the troops promised by Asst Commissioner of Louisiana in regard to arrest in this case. Two Cases of Negroes deserting there Contracts without cause have been reported, I promply caused the offending parties to return and comply with Contract With the exception of the above cases and one or two trifling delinquencies in labor the conduct of the Freedmen is highly Satisfactory Indeed almost entire satisfaction as to labor is reported I have had occasion to try Two Cases under Circular 33 of 66 and No 2 " 67 In both cases the juries gave there decission with commendable good judgment imposing small fines in both Cases which fines were divided among the jurors, But I recommend in both cases that the fines be appropriated to some useful & benevolent object among the freedmen of the Plantation, I have been anctious to establish schools among the freedmen & Think it would meet with but little opposition even in most neighborhoods but the extreme poverty of the freed people prevents any thing being done in that direction for the present unless pecuniary aid can be obtained through the Bureau I would respectfully request information as to what extent Pecuniary

aid can be obtained, A visit from the Supt of Schools to this part of the state would be of service to the cause of Education among the Blacks. The high waters have almost constantly prevented ready Communication during the month, with Drew & Bradley Counties & I have no intelegence from them as no business what ever has been reported to me from them Counties during the month

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
J S Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U.S. Infty Bvt Maj U.S.A.

Office Supt B R Fr & L
Hamburg Ark
May 31st 1867

Bennett | Lieut John E
28th USI a a a Genl
Little Rock Ark

I have the honor to submit herewith report for the Month of May.

The Season thus far has been very unfavorable and of course with others attends farming labor. This latter in connection with failure of the Crops last year and the general poverty caused by the War is rendering it a desperate Struggle with the people in this section to make this years Crop. Every nerve is being Strained and every expedient resorted to, To obtain Supplies Teams & Tools and we may safely say the last Dollar the Country has or has credit to obtain is being Staked upon the Crop now growing Should it fail it would be hard to Calculate the trouble want and suffering that must follow

In View of this danger I have felt it to be my duty to urge the Freed People to every exertion possible and notwithstanding the unsatisfactory & too often dishonest settlements and payments made them for last years services, Then people are as a rule acting with Commendable good Conduct and trying hard to make a crop. Employers make but few Complaints and I am happy to report a changed and rapidly changing Sentiment among planters. They begin to realize that Kindness & Justice are better elements of success, with free labor than abundance Money and are rapidly Conforming their actions accordingly The actions of Civil officers also exhibit an improved feeling and a greater willingness to do justice or rather to lay aside the prejudices of education & dispense equal

justice to all. It is true matters in this respect are far from what we could desire and much improvement could and ought to be made and in any proper effort I may make to produce this improvement I hope to be sustained by the Asst Commissioner

Two cases of assault Committed some months ago were tried during this month by Jury before Justice Calhoun a fine of one Dollar and cost in one case & Ten Dollars and cost in the other were assessed Both were aggravated cases and I am of the opinion that had the Man & Woman assaulted been White a much heavier penalty would have been imposed. But in view of the fact that Six months ago neither the justice before whom the cases was tryed or the Jury who tried them would have noticed the cases. I feel that we have accomplished something in getting a fine of even one dollar imposed for assaulting a Colored person, It shows that the clouds of prejudice are gradually giving away and permits us to entertain the hope that the day dawn of a more healthy and better public opinion is at hand

Three assaults have been Complained of during the month. I referred them to the Civil officers In two of the cases fines of $5 and Cost were promptly imposed, The third case has not yet had a hearing for want of time,

Payment for services in 1866 have been extremely unsatisfactory and the principle business of the office at this time is endeavors to obtain settlements for 1866

The failure of crops leaving Employers unable to pay is causing most of the Complaints. Dishonesty and prejudice however has for two much to do with it-

I invite attention to enclosed affidavits of Smith McCoy now here at the B F. & L. Clarke in this County he having left Union County where the assault was

Commissioner and Came here,
As the Union County is not in my
district - I respectfully refer the case to you
for your action

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt,
J.S. Taylor
1st Lieut. 15th U.S.C. Supt. Bureau Refugees

Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Hamburg Ark
June 30th 1867

Bennett. Lieut. John C.
38th U.S.I. A.A.A. Genl.
Little Rock Ark

I have the honor to state as report for the Month of June that affairs in this District still continue in a favorable condition. Few complaints are made on either side and both Employers & Employees are striving hard to make a crop. Bad Weather is still retarding farm labor but the prospect for a crop is encouraging. Much of the corn is so far forward as to warrant a confident belief of a large yield. Cotton is not so promising as corn by reason of the wet weather preventing the labor from cleaning it of grass and weeds. These fair prospects are having their legitimate results affording us as they do incontrovertible argument that the Negro as a free Labor will succeed when surrounded by the requisit encouragement and thus relieving many of the prejudices against him. Giving Employers confidence in the labor and leading Men to look forward to the future with hope and for a speedy return to prosperity. The supplies designed for the relief of distress in this District have arrived at Mem Salvo & will be got out and distributed as soon as practicable. Indications now are that nothing further will be required from this relief bed that the amount already sent will be sufficient to relieve the distress. All the people can live from their gardens & corn fields.

Two cases of assault & Battery have been reported during this Month both of which the punishment by the civil officers

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J.S. Taylor
1st Lieut. 15th U.S.C. Supt Bureau Refugees

Office Supt B R & L
Hamburg Ark
Oct. 9th 1867

Bennett

Lt John C
A. A. A. Genl
Little Rock Ark

Sir In submitting my report for the month of September I have the honor to state that affairs remain as at previous reports During the Month of August I was absent with leave & returned to my station about the 10th of September. I found the affairs of the office had been in most cases satisfactory administered during my absence by My assistant Mr S B. Higgins

In the case of the shooting of a negro woman by one Nelson Reported by me in report for July My expectations in regard to the action of civil officers in the case are fully realized. Nelson is at large the justice Mr A. Calhoun having decided that the act was justifiable. The only evidence in the case is Nelsons own statement & the testimony of his wife They both state the negro woman had Mrs Nelson down and would have killed her but for Nelson coming in and shooting her Nelson is a notorious villian has killed several men & I have made every effort to fasten some of his crimes upon him But thus far I find he has too many friends ready to screen him in the case of his killing the man Johnston refer to me with direction if I found a case could be sustained to arrest him I have investigated as far as I am able & find that it will be no trouble to prove the killing but his defence will be that he was a Confederate Soldier acting under

orders & that Johnston attempted to escape & he shot him This defence he can make good by plenty of evidence The crops for 1867 are being gathered now and I regret to state that the flattering prospects reported in July have been greatly changed since for the worse. The corn crop will be good as then anticipated but the cotton is badly damaged by the worm July half has been destroyed by these ravages in this section

The registration under act of Congress for reconstruction of States lately in Rebellion has been very satisfactorily Completed in this County I learn however that the election for delegates to Convention will not be permitted to pass so quiet under the belief of ability to control the colored votes The Rebel element in the County raised few objections to his registration as the election approaches more it is becoming clearly apparent that the colored voters are disposed to vote for Convention this is in opposition to the wishes of a large Majority of the Whites in the County and on all sides threats and intimidations are being resorted to These threats were they opposed only against the Colored voters might not be traceable more than a desire to intimidate & frighten but such is not the case for within the past week or ten days Whites as well as Blacks have been threatened with injustly particularly has this been the case with one William Hallyburton a Merchant here & a Northern man the Hallyburtons has out a large amount in the way of advances made to planters to enable them to make this

yeans Corp being suspected of being active in his efforts for Annexation he is set upon on all sides threats are freely made by his rebble Customers that not only will they quit trading with him but if they find to a certainty that he is taking an active part for Reconstruction they will not pay him or permit others to pay him. So heavy the pressure has been upon the H. that he is forced to Secede entirely & deny his real position

In my judgment the presence of a Company of Troops in this County is the only means by which Men of all parties & Colors will be enabled to enjoy this privilege of voting as they Desire

Respectfully
I J Taylor
1st Lt 15 US Col Troops

Office Supt R Frdmn & L
Hamburg Ark
Nov 1st 1867

Bennett, Brevt. Brig Genl
John E. Bennett
Genl

In Submitting my report for the Month of oct or such part of said Month as I have been at the Post I have to report crops very poor in this County Not much over one third of the average yield being gathered this year The Majority of the Freedmen will be largely in debt in the year Work In some few Exceptional cases Where the most rigid economy has been practiced the past season the Freedmen will come out of a settlement with small wages for their season work But there are exceptional cases There seems to be a disposition

on the part of about one half the Citizens of this county to deal justly with the col ored people But in many cases the Employer will do nothing he is not made do In Several Cases Which have come under my notice Employers have refused to obey Notifications to appear at this office And I am powerless to enforce obedience. I have succeeded in making some few settlements and in one or two cases I have failed as yet utterly in effecting any settlement

The office at this point has been conducted by Lt. Taylor in a most Zealous Manner but there can be no doubt that this office has been during the past Six months) Too much to do with Politics,

I have assured all with whom I have come in contact that I am not the agent of any party but here only for the purpose of doing Strict and Exact justice to all, & have no doubt I shall succeed.

I forward a detail of one Sergt one Corpl & Eight Men of this place on My arrival Which detail has since been reduced by one Sergt & four enlisted Men for the purpose of Escort The Number of troops at this place is not sufficient to enable the Agent of the Bureau to do justice to all parties & watch over the interests of the Freedmen of this County.

Fifteen or Twenty Men the proper Number of Mounted troops would be amply Sufficient for two or three of the Counties on the State line if Stationed here with that number of Men there should be at least Six Men as almost all the duty would be done on Horseback Especially during the Winter Months, I have Two Government Horses here in Very poor condition

I have not as yet travelled much through the county, in account of a prosp of burning at the office but will do so soon Hoping to be able to report more fully in future on the prospects of the Freedmen of this county.

I am very Respectfully

Agt R.F. Sch & L

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
Janry 1, 1868

Lieutent J.E. Bennett
Asst. A.A.G. 3rd Sub Dist

Sir I have the honor to submit the the required monthly report for December. I relieved Lt A.G. Cunningham as agent at this place Dec 8th my time has been mostly employed in making settlements. I have visited 9 plantations and notice of my intended coming having been given the neighboring planters met me there with the Books papers the laborers who being present [illegible] of these settlements hearing and [illegible] each item in the account being discussed by both parties The most troublesome settlement was that of Mrs P.J. & Robt Berry In these cases I encountered a disposition to be oppressive [illegible] with their laborers which I did not observe in others Generally the laborers have been successfull. This result has been caused by overflow by the army worm by bad management and by the unexpected low price in cotton

in some cases either one of the foregoing in some cases all combined

But few contracts have been made for the coming year The planters so far as I can judge have lost and are indebted to their merchants they seem helpless dispondent and doubtful what to do, many of them say they have neither the actual means or credit to try it again So far as the laborers is concerned I consider it is better for him to work for wages than a share of the crop He will then know better how to proceed his expenses at least, during the past year most of them seem to have reckoned on a good crop and cotton 30 cts pr pound and they have lived accordingly

I think that generally planters have been disposed to act fairly with the laborers. I know of but one instance which looked like an attempt to cheat the laborer out of his earnings after settlement In this case the laborer reported that the Employer & the [illegible] was hauling his bale of cotton off to Grand Lake without his Consent I sent out at once overtook the wagon had the Bale hauled back and the party then pushed on to Grand Lake 60 Miles When they found Mr Brown just arrived and at once brought him back him under guard to make an application as required by Par 3 of Circular 10 I report the Names of Planters when the freedmen have a portion of the fruits of their labor remaining as Mr R.C. Florence & Mr Crocker on the Christina Place I understand there are others who when they will come out also I have not yet made the settlements The number of Miles travelled by me

in Official business during the
23 days I have been agent is 311
I am very respectfully &c
Brvt Lt Col U S A
Agent

Agents Office
Hamburg, Ark
Lieut Jno. G Bennett 38 US
Asst G B. R F & A.L

Sir

I have the honor to forward the required Monthly report for January
There is nothing to be Mentioned requiring any extended remarks. The only business before this bureau has been the adjusting of Settlements, and making contracts.
The planters having been cursed out of their lethargy brought on them by. their bad luck in 1867, by the near approach of the time when they must act, if they intend doing any thing for another year, have generally been ~~generally~~ making preparations to try it again, But this year they intend planting more corn and less cotton they mean to raise enough to feed themselves the contracts thus far have usually been for a share of the crop, the freedmen prefer working on these terms rather than for wages,
No instances have been brought to my notice of assaults, or outrages on freedmen. Considering the bad state of affairs reported in the Louisiana Parishes on the South and what is said of Chicot County on the East the good order prevailing among the freedmen here is very Marked, I have heard that about 100 freedmen of all ages have recently come from the route into Brady County,

and settled in one of the bends of the Saline River I have not yet been able to go down there to see what there intentions are
The Number of plantations visited officially 5. 2 in Bradley & 3 in Ashley Co On Bayou Bourthamieu number of Miles ridden on Official Business 110
very Respectfully
your Ob Svt
Geo F. Soule
First Lt. 28 Inft
Brvt Lieut Col U S A
agent

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
March 1 1868

Bennett
Lieut J. C. B
A A A G. Bureau R F & A L

Sir

I have the honor to submit my monthly narative report for February. It is necessarily my brief as nothing has transpired requiring any extended notice, During this month I have confined myself to this office, for the accommodation of those who wanted to make contracts, having visited by two plantations and traveled only 26 Miles on official business No freedman has complained of any assault or violence offered him during this month A freedman whose husband had run away to Texas, Complained that her cow had been taken by attachment to satisfy a debt claimed to be due by her husband to the planter with whom he lived in 1866 I sent out and had the cow taken back and informed the Magistrate that a freedman property could not be

found on for a debt, before that debt had been verified before the Bureau and found correct.

A Freedman Made Complaint that damages were due to him under one of Gen Taylors decisions for a broken contract The Employer was declining to pay them under all sorts of excuse the Amount was $48.00 I Sent out to take 45 Bbls of Corn out of the Employers Crib and turn over to the Freedman in Case the Money was not paid at once They took 35 Bbls and the Employer paid Ten Dollars besides.

These two Cases are the only ones in which it has been necessary to take Summary Measures.

Two cases have occured of Freedmen breaking their Contracts without just cause, the excuse given by one was that his relations had moved several Miles away and he wanted to be near them In these cases it being so early in the season the Employers did not wish to have the freedman required to come back as they did not wish to have unwilling laborers who might leave them again later in the season

I am very Respectfully
Yr Ob. Sr.
Geo. F. Fowle
First Lt. 28th U.S. Inf
Bvt Lieut Col U.S.A.
Agent

Sept 3

Bennett

Agents Office
Hamburg S.C.
April 1st 1868

Lieut. John E
A.A.G. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Sir

I have the honor to submit the required Monthly report for March According to all account the Freedmen are working well and better than at any previous time since the emancipation

The appearance of the past year seems to have improved on Many of them the necessity of hard work and economy.

There are some cases in which they are disinclined to make a contract because they dont wish to be bound for so long they prefer being "foot loose" as they speak it.

The excitement of an election lasting 12 days has passed off with much less confusion than many anticipated. There seem to be at one time much fear among the Freedmen lest they should be driven away for voting "Radical" But this has now all subsided.

One Freedman who was on contract, Reported at this office as having been discharged for voting. He was sent back to his employer with a note stating that no such excuse for breaking a contract would be tolerated or allowed for an instant, and whether the Freedman worked or not his share of the Crop would be rigidly exacted at the final Settlement. It had the desired effect. No others have been discharged to My Knowledge

There has been 2 Cases of assault on Freedmen, in March which are being noticed by the Civil authorities just as if the assaults had been committed on whites.

There is also one case of aggravated assault of a White Man on a Freedman which I propose to take in hand if the

Civil Authorities do not give enough punishment. The freedmen generally dont wish to have punnishment, those who assault them. They have even begged me to let them off, And threatened to leave the Country if I persist. They are afread that other persons will harass them for it hereafter But of course such reasons would only make me more resolved to bring the offenders to justice,

But it is nevertheless true that if the freedmen see that prompt punnishment is dealt upon those who assault them, it will have a tendency to prevent them from reporting such cases because they will then stand in fear of other white men revenging it and it seems hard to re-assure them

Most Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Signed George F Towle
1st Lt 28 U.S.I
Brvt Lt Col U.S.A., Agent.

Agents Office
Hamburg Ashley
May 5th 1868

Bennett

Lt Jno. C.
Adjt. B.R. Frdmn

Sir

I have the honor to
submit the April Narative report
During the greater part of this Month
I was absent from Hamburg.
On my return I find that every thing
had been remarkably quiet in Ashley Coun
ty No Complaints had been made at
the office. The Freedmen are working
better than ever before known — according
to the universal testimony of the planters.
So far the Season has been favourable in
this section, and if it is continued
it will be much towards relieving

both Blacks & Whites of the debt brought
on them last year

I am very Respectfully
Geo F Towle
1st Lt 28th U.S.I. Lt Col
Signed Agent

Agents Office
Hamburg Ashley
May 31st 1868

Bennett

Lieut Jno. C.
Adjt. R.F.&A.L.

Sir

I have the honor to submit the
May narative Report. The utmost degree of
good order and quiet has prevaild in this County
Reports are nearly unanimous that the freedmen
are working better than ever before. They are
generally avoiding store accounts and are much
more economical than before. There are no
outrages or assaults to report. The prospect for
a good crop is very fine, the Season having
been very favorable. Considerable consternation
at one time prevailed among planters in consequence
of reports that the army worm had already
appeared, and was eating up the cotton down
in Louisanna But it is hoped the reports are
without foundation

The few complaints that have been brought to
the Bureau office, have been of a very trifling
Character, and not of sufficient importance
to be mentioned in this Report — So far as
I can see and hear both white and black
are getting along very well together
in peace and harmony

Respectfully &c
Signed. Geo F Towle
1st 28 U.S.I.
Brvt Lt. Col. U.S.A.
Agent B.R. F.&A.L.

Agency Office
Pemberton Ark
July 1st 1868

Lieut John Q Bennett
AAAG Bureau R F & A

Sir In my
Monthly narative report for June, I
have nothing of Special interest to communicate,
A few trivial Complaints have been made to
the Bureau - No assaults have occured -
Both races seem to be getting along peacefully this
month Month as last. A long drouth has seriously
injured the Corn Crop, and for this reason there
will be probably a scarcity of food next winter,
which will materily affect the freedmen - the pros
pect for a Cotton crop continues very promising -
I mention these things - as the future welfare
of the freedmen greatly depends upon it.

Respectfully &c
Geo H Lowe
Bvt Lt Col & C S A
Agent

Sept

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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Hamburg (Ashley County)

Letters Received Mar. 1866–Dec. 1868

(1)

Bureau R. Fund & L.
Little Rock. Mar. 21st. 1866.

Gen. E. Dayton.
Chief Clk.

Directing that all contracts between Whites and Freedmen shall be examined with the Int. Revenue Stamps.

NARA 17A

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS,

Little Rock, Ark., March 24 1866

Sir,

The Assessor of Internal Revenue having decided that all contracts require a five cent Revenue Stamp for the name of each party signing the same,

The Asst Comr directs that in all cases hereafter parties presenting contracts for approval be required to have affixed the necessary Revenue Stamps, Contracts heretofore approved with the understanding that no stamps were required will be recognized by Agents of the Bureau as valid and binding

By order of

Brig Genl J. W. S. Prague

Geo E. Dayton

Capt

Supt [illegible]

NARA 179

Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Monticello Ark July 20/66

Respectfully referred to Lt Taylor Asst- Hamburg Ark with the information that each County must provide for their own poor, "Or in other words you will see that the law of the State with reference to paupers is applied to freedmen. Mrs Wiley S Jackson can present his claim to the County Court with sufficient proof that she is not able to support herself and if it is rejected on the ground of her being a Colored woman, your duty is defined by a letter from Gen J W Sprague on the "Civil Right Bill.

Or if you take an appeal from the County Court to the Circuit Court Gratuitless the Claim would be allowed

E. A. Barker
Capt & Asst Supt

Lt Lancaster Asst
Hamburg Ark

Refer to a Blind letter
between me Bayou
& Montecello Ark

Office A. A. A. G.
Hamburg Ark July 21 1866
Respectfully forwarded
to Capt E. A. Barker
Asst Supt Bureau R. F. & A. L.
for his information and guidance
in the matter referred to
in the within letter.

By order of Brvt Maj Gen Fisk
Lt Taylor
Asst Adjt Gen

NARA 1AA

Freedmens Bureau
Hamburg July 5. 1866.

Capt

There is a blind colord woman here in the county without relatives or friends, she is now living at a Mr Riley S. Jacksons (white) on the Bayou Barthelomew, and he reports himself too poor to keep her & his neighbours recommend him to just take her & send her adrift, so there appears to be "Mighty" little chance of finding her a home unless she can be sent to Pine Bluff or some such Station to be supported by the Bureau — I have requested Mr Jackson to keep her on for awhile and I would try and relieve him of ~~the charge~~ as early as possible — If anything can be done I trust you will attend to this matter at once

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
S. Aylmer Pleasants
1st Lt &c.

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Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Apr. 5. 1866.

Dayton Geo. E.
Chief Clerk.

Enclosing blks forms
for making reports for
last time by Freedmen.

NARA 1AP

Bureau R A & A. L.
Little Rock April 27, 1866

Sir.

Enclosed you will find a blank form which the asst Comr recommends that you adopt in allowing the time lost by the freedmen in your District

By Order of
Brig Genl D W S Prague
Geo E. Dayton
Chief Clerk.

Lt D A Sweats
Supt R F & A L.
Hamburgh
Ashley Co
Ark

NARA 183

Hd. Qrs. Post. Camden Ark
June 27, 1866.
July 20 "

Mills Samuel M.
Lt. 19th Inft. Act. Adjt.

States that the Col. Comdg. will not authorize the transfer of supplies to the Agent of Freedmans Bureau at Hamburg under circumstances stated in letter from Lt. Fenale Sub Supt. R. F. and A. L.

Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Monticello Ark July 20/66

Respectfully referred to Lt Taylor Supt R. F. & A. L. Hamburg Ark with the suggestion that without knowing under what circumstances Lt Fenale proposed to have Stores transfered to him it would be impossible to take any definite action in the case All applications should pass through this Office

O. Barker
Capt & Asst Supt

C. & L. Book # 22. p. 12.—

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NARA 184

Head Qrs Camden
June 27th 1864.

Lt Fred Sencati
Supt. Freedmens Bureau

Sir.

Letter of the 14th
Jone received and laid before the Col
Comdg who directs me to say that he does
not feel authorized to transfer stores to
the Supt of the Freedmens Bureau at
Stanbury Ark. under the circumstances
named in your letter.

I am Sir
very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Wm McNeil
1st Lt 2nd Iowa Cavalry

NARA 1A5

Office Bureau R. & A. L.
Montello July 21. 1866

Barker. E. G.
Capt. & Genl Supt.

Acknowledging receipt of letter from Lt. Taylor 1st U. R. C. and forwarding instructions in regard to the duties of the Office—

NARA 1A6

Office Bureau R Fd + A L
Monticello Ark July 21" 1866

Lieut. J. S. Taylor
Supt R Fd + A L
Hamburg Ark

Lieut—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 14" 1866 stating that you have assumed the duties of Supt R Fd + A L with Hd Qrs at Hamburg Ark in obedience to S O #58 Asst Comr Office Little Rock Ark July 5" 1866

If you have nothing on duty in the Bureau you will find it necessary to study your Orders and Circulars, Your special attention is called to circulars 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21 + 22 issued by Genl O. O. Howard also Circular letter of May 4. 66 from this Office. In Ashley county at least one fourth of the Freedmen are working without an approved contract; some as low as 1/7 of the crop which is entirely too small a portion,

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In all such cases complaint is made you should cause the Freedmen to be paid the highest wages paid in that community Circular 16 Sec 3" You are expected to enforce strictly the contract which have been Approved by our Offices of the Bureau unless good reason can be shown to the contrary

By visiting the Plantations and talking with the Freedmen & Whites you can accomplish a greatdeal of good by way of bringing about a conciliatory feeling and encouraging the Freedmen to honesty chastity and industry Show them that they are responsible to the same laws that govern all

Simply justice to All compretends the whole Matter

I am Sir With Respect

Your Obt Servt

E S Baker

Capt + Asst Supt

at 81+88

NARA 1AA

Office Supt. R. F. and A. L.
Monticello. July 21. 1866.

Barker E. G.
Capt. & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

States that it has been reported that Jno Chambers - Poplar Bluff - working twelve hands - neglected to pay them &c - that the instructions are to collect reasonable wages for the Blacks in such cases

States that several, living on Bayou Bartholemew are working hands — without approved Contracts &c - thinks that the matter should be attended to.

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Office Bureau R F & A L
Monticello Ark July 2nd 1866

Lt A S Taylor
Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark

Lt

It has been reported to me that Fabrick Chambers (above Poplar Bluff on East side of Bayou Bartholmew) worked 12 hands in the year 1865 made 100 acres of good corn James Mallard Overseer for him

The Freedmen were not paid anything and were furnished no clothing after they were declared free, Our Instructions is to collect reasonable wages for the labor of Freedmen for the year 1865

The same Chambers is working his hands without having his contract approved and has only agreed to give them the 1/7 part of what they make this year 1866

Mr Perkins who lives above Holloways ferry has One man working without contract

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I write him a note directing him to take the note and report to the Supt at Hamburg ark.

Old Mr Turner who lives on Bayou Bartholomew down near to La line worked his lands very bad last year and did not even clothe them some of them left him in Dec 65 in rags I saw his lands myself and refused to approve a contract for him for this year until he at least gave all that worked for him last year good clothing Blankets &c but I think he is working the lands this year without contract I gave the matter should be attended to and cause him to pay them liberally for both last year and this year

E S Parker
Capt + Asst Supt

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Office R. F. and A. L.
Hamburg July 23. 1866.
" 24

Taylor. A. S.
1st Lt. and Superintendant.

Requesting answers to questions, relative to settlement, and final payment of Freedmen &c.

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Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Monticello Ark. July 24 1866

Respectfully returned to Lt. J. S. Taylor Supt B. R. F. & A. L. Hamburg Ark with the information that 1st Settlements will be made through the Supts Office where the contracts are on file each party representing himself

2nd Reports of last time should be made in duplicate. Each copy approved by the Supt and one filed in this Office and the other given to the employer

3rd All persons who swear falsely for the purpose of defrauding the Freedmen should be indicted for purjury before the Federal Court at Little Rock

4th Employers should not be allowed any last time if not properly reported unless very good reasons can be shown for such failure

O. G. Baker
Capt & Supt

L. B. A. F. R.

NARA 197

Hamburg. Arkansas
7th mo. the 23d 1866.

Captain E. G. Parker.
Supt. R. F. and A. L.
Monticello Ark.

Captain:

I have the honor to respectfully request answers to the following questions, and information in regard to my duty in these cases:

1st Is it your understanding that settlement with the negroes, and their final payment is to be done through the County Superintendent in whose Office the contracts are on file? If so please give me your idea as to the course the Supt. should persue.

2nd Is it proper for me to file the reports of lost time made by employers in my Office? — or should I approve them, and return them to the Employer to be used by him in making settlement, or should they be in duplicate — one filed, and the

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other returned to employer –

I find a disposition to be backward in making reports of lost time – but few have ~~been~~ been presented. In conclusion I would add, that there seems to be a carelessness ex= hibited by some, in regard to the correctness of the reports, a case appearing before me this morning, where a man swearing to a report of lost time, which on after examination by myself proved to be entirely erronous, so much so, that either through wilfulness or ignorance the negroes would be defrauded out of 10 days labor. each ✓ Any suggestion as to how this may be prevented, would be thankfully received

Sam Capt

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant.

A. S. Taylor
Lt. 18th U. S. C. I.
Supt. B. F. and A. L.
Camburg Arkansas

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F d L # 9 x

Offic Supt. R. F. and a. l.
Hamburg July 23 1866.
" 24 "

Taylor. I. S.
1st Lt. & Asst Superintendent.

Asking information —
of Capt. E. G. Barker.
Supt. Monticello. in regards
to the final settlement for
the year 1865. between a
Mr Ford and Freedmen
in his employ

Offic Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Monticello Ark July 24th 66

Respectfully returned
with the information that
Mr Thos Ford made settle-
ment & think, with all
the Freedmen for their labor
during the year 1865 and not
having the money to pay
them gave them his note
for the amount due

E G Barker
Capt & Asst Supt

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Hamburg. Ashley Co. Arkansas
7th Mo. the 23. A. D. 1866.

Captain E. G. Parker.
Supt. R. F. and A. L.
Monticello. Arkansas

Captain:

Under contract for the year 1865. Mr. Thomas Ford employed Ben. and Edam. two colored men, and from subsequent developements it seems that Mr. Ford has failed to comply justly with his contract, giving in lieu of pay, his note for a certain sum of money. I would respectfully request your knowledge in this case. — whether a settlement has ever been made between the parties. Thomas Ford, and the two colored men, and what that settlement consisted of — in fine every thing that would in any manner throw light upon the subject, that you can recall to your recollection.

I am Capt.
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
S. T. Gaylor
A. A. Supt R. F. and A. L.
Hamburg

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Office. Supt-R F & A L.
Hamburg Ark. July 23. 1866.
" 24 "

Taylor. I. S.
1st Lt. & Superintendant.

Asks information as to the just charge for rations against freedmen for last time.

Office Bureau R F & A L
Monticello Ark July 24/66

Respectfully returned with information that Circular letter of July 19th allows 30 cts per day to be charged for rations in case of last time

E S Parker
Capt & Asst Supt

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Hamburg. Arkansas.
July 23d 1866

Capt. E. C. Burke
Supt. R. F. and A. L.
Monticello Ark's

Captain:

I have the honor to respectfully request that you furnish me information, as to what amount is just in charging Freedmen for rations, when having lost time.

Respectfully.
Your Obt. Servt
J. J. Taylor
Lt. & Supt. R. F. and A. L.
Hamburg Ark's

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Office Bureau R.F. & L.
Montecello July 24, 1866.

Barker E. G.
Capt: & Asst Supt.

Forwarding Montecello
paper containing Circular
letter from that Office.
dated July 18. 1866.

NARA 199

Office Bureau R Fr & L
Monticello Ark July 24th 1866

Lieut — A S Taylor
Supt — 1st Dist A L
Lbanbury Ark

Enclosed please find Monticello Guardian which contains a Circular Letter from this Office and Rules dated July 18th which I forward to you as an Official Copy (Not having time to copy for all the Supts first now.)

Please to favor us to be very Respectfully
Yours Obt Servt
E S Bunker
Capt & Supt

NARA 2AA

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Offie Bureau R Fand a L.
Montecello. July. 22. 1866.

E. G. Parker
Capt. & Superintendant.

Containing instructions
in regard to all claims
of Freedmen against
the Government of the U. S.

NARA 2A1

Office Bureau R F + A L
Monticello Ark July 21st 1866

Lieut J. S. Taylor
Supt R F + A L
Shreveport Ark

Lieut

The collection of all claims of Freedmen against the Government being made the duty of Officers of this Bureau You will promptly report to this office all Freedmen who have back pay bounty &c due them for their services in the United States Government or that of their relatives, Stating the nature of the Claim and all the particulars concerning the case, When such report is made proper blanks and instructions will be forwarded you for making out such Claim. If you have not received the proper blanks and instructions from Capt Tyler Claim Agent at Little Rock.

Yours very Respfly
Your Obt Servt
E. S. Parker
Capt + Asst Supt

NARA PAP

Bayou Bartholomew
Ark. Aug 30 1866.

G. M. Christian

NARA 2MA

Bayan Bakulamun Aug 30th 1866

Lt. Taylor

Sir I send my Report by this Daly he is in Copartnership with me but not at the time I made the Contract with the parties in Our employ can will be by my Report that I have not one hand that I can complain of I will state to you how the has acted And with you to tell me what is my Remedy for such Conduct

She has been making use of Bulgan Language in the presence of my family She is very lazy She neglects her business to Shape While She is Cooking Now what can I do must I put up with such Conduct is it Right for me to pay her her wages I cant think so Now I ask you in Candor to tell me what to do as I wish to Abide a difficulty & you as their agent but from what I have heard I think you are disposed to do justice to all & that is all I ask & what I shall contend for Her name is D. Wallace Since I have her she has had a child & She spends one third of her time with it / please answer this and let me know what to do with her. & you will oblige yours &c

G W. Christian

NARA 284

Office Supt Ts of
Hamburg Ark
Sept 5th 1866.
" 27 "

Taylor Lt A. S.
Supt Ts

In making report for last time many planters are claiming in the charge for rations that if the party who loses time has children such party must pay for rations consumed by children as well as by himself during said lost time. Has decided against this claim and asks approval or disapproval of decision.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
For Mo Ark & Ind Ter
Little Rock Ark
Sept 27th 1866

Respectfully returned. In cases where persons hire for less wages on account of having their children supported, your decision seems just and is therefore approved.

In all cases be guided by the contract and justice to both parties.

By order of
Bvt Maj Genl Sprague

D. H. Williams,
Asst Adjt Genl

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ARK

Filed
Dec 3 1866.

NARA PAR

Office Supt R F and A L.
Cumberg Ark Sept 5, 1866.

Captain.

I have the honor to call your attention to the following questions, which is causing me some difficulty. As you are aware, on most Plantations there are more or less children. In making reports for lost time, many of the planters are claiming in the charge for Rations, that if the party who looses the time has children, such party must not only pay for the ration consumed, during said lost time by himself, but must also pay for the rations consumed by the Children.

I have decided that this cannot be allowed, basing my decision on the fact, that parties who have children are as a rule, paid less wages than they who have no children. That this reduced wages is allowed, to compensate the planter for feeding the children. That having been thus Compensated once, he cannot in justice claim a second Compensation when the Father or Mother may chance to lose time by sickness or otherwise.

over.

NARA 2MA

No complaint is made against this decision, I desire your approval or disapproval of it.

Respectfully Your Obt. Servt.

S Taylor
1st Lieut. Supt. R. F. and A. L.

Capt S. H. Williams
Asst. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

NARA 247

Office Supt. R. F. & L.
Montana. Sept. 11. 1866.

Duvall J. R.
Superintendant

Rec'd letter from Lt. Isaac S. Taylor. – Cannot send couriers for reason of 2 men having deserted &c. – forwards stamps as per request.

NARA 2MR

Office Supt. Bureau R F & A L
Montevallo Ala Sept 11th 1866

Lieut J. D. Taylor
Supt B. R F & L
Hamburg Ark

Lieut

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Yours of 6th inst. which came to hand on Yesterday

I regret to have to inform you that it is out of my power to send you a Courier at present An last evening two of my men left under Circumstances that induce me to believe they have deserted When last seen they were traveling in the direction of Miss River They had their horses and Revolvers, hats, and one Suit Citizens Clothing I have sent two of the boys in pursuit; hoping at least to recover the horses; And am to Pine Bluff, which leaves me but one man; & Sir in all was what I had

I think it would be safe for you to enclose your Papers to me, and soon hear they would go safe, as I frequently have opportunities of forwarding per Private Conveyance; I also think they would be perfectly safe Mailed

Rean

NARA 2A9

I enclose you three dollars worth of P. O. Stamps according to your request—

I think there will be no danger in mailing any thing you may desire to forward

I have been sick for some time and am scarcely able to be up now; and would certainly be at home, but for the fact that duty demands my presence in the office

Very respectfully
Your. Obt. Servt
F. R. Dunbar
Dispt. B. R. F. & A. L

Office Supt. R. & F. A. L.
Memphis, Sept. 11, 1866.

Enrolled
Supt.

Read & Filed
Sept. 13, 1866.
Recd. com. from Supt. Ky. - Cannot
Recd com. from reason
of 2 - Orders from Hdqrs. Dept.
Ky. - forwarding Quarts.
Inv. requisitions &c. &c. &c.

NARA 21A

B. B. F. v A. L.
Little Rock Ark.
Sept. 26th/66

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Returns reports & vouchers
for Correction

NARA 211

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Sept 26 1866

Lieut J. S. Taylor.
Supt &c.

Sir

I have the honor to return herewith your Report of Persons & Articles of August for Corrections. The amt of Office rent. for 21 days in July. brought forward as remaining unpaid. Should be $7.00 instead of $7.50.

I also return voucher of M. L. Bell for Shoeing horses. The certificate must state why it was impracticable. to have the work done. at other. than a Govt Shop.

The receipt must be signed by Mr Bell himself.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servt
A Sketchley
Bvt Lt Col & Actg

NARA 212

B. B F & A L
Little Rock Ark
Sept 26/66

Simmons Cott 76

Land ac knowledgement
of Letter of Sept 23 &
and States that ac-
ounts clerk hire
will be paid month
ly if voucher are
forwarded

NARA 213

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Sept 26. 1866

Lieut J. S. Taylor.
Supt &c.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Sept 5th

In reply. I would most respectfully say that your accts for Clerk hire and Office rent. will be forwarded to this Office for payment. monthly.

I am very respy
Your obt Servt
A Sumner
Bt Lt Col & Agt

NARA 214

B B F & A L
Little Rock Ark
Sept 27th/66

Williams Capt & 76

Sends copy from registers of Abandoned Lands and states that all such lands are there held as abandoned & reports must be so made

NARA 215

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Sept 27th 1866

Lieut S. S. Taylor,
Supt R. F & A.L.
Hamburgh, Ark,

Lieut,

I reply to yours letter of Sept 5 I have the honor to inclose you an extract from the Registes of Abandoned Land on file in this office and to inform you that the lands on said extract are still held as abandoned and that you will return them as such, until such time as they may be restored.

Respectfully &c

D N McLean
Ass't Adj't Genl.

NARA 214

B R L & A L for Miriam
& Arkansas
Little Rock Oct 3/66

Sylor Brent Major capt
& RC. John & A A G

Acknowledges receipt
of Quarterly report and
Report of cases tried &
States that a company
of Troops will soon be
at Hamburg the Officers
Commanding them
to be instructed to
make arrests

NARA 217

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Oct 31st 1866

Lieut I. S. Taylor
Supt &c
Hamburgh, Ark,
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your quarterly report for 3rd Quarter 1866 and report of cases investigated.

I am directed by the Asst Com'r to inform you that a Company of Infantry some of which will be mounted, will soon be sent to Hamburgh, and the Officer commanding them will be instructed to make the necessary arrests.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt Servt
John Tyler
Bvt Major & A.D.C.
A.A.A.Genl.

NARA 21A

B B F & A L
Little Rock Ark
Oct 13th 1866

Copy N M Supt of
Schools for Arkansas

Gives information
that letter asking for
teachers has been for-
warded to American
M Society

NARA 719

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory,

Office of Gen'l. Supt. of Schools.

Little Rock, Ark. Oct 15th 1866.

Lt. J. S. Taylor, U.S.A.,
Supt. R. F. & A. L.,
Hamburg, Ark.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to state that a copy of your com. of Oct. 1st 1866. requesting that a teacher for freedmen be sent to Hamburg, has been furnished the Secretary of the Am. Miss. Association. An Agent of the Association is daily expected here to labor in behalf of Schools.

Very Respectfully Yours,
W M Colby
Supt of Fr Schools for Ark.

NARA 220

Oct 1864

Barker Capt E G
makes Complaint
against N E
Fletcher

Copy of Summons issued by Capt Barker to appear before Lieut Col Hoffman to answer charges preferred by Lieut Col Brentwell

Affidavit of Capt Barker

NARA 221

Bayou Bartholomew Ashley Co. Ark
Oct 16th /66

Lt Taylor
Supt B R & F.L
Hamburg Ark

Lt

Mr. Kittel made a contract with Freedmen for this year and gives them one fourth ¼ of crops, good rations &c It appears that he is giving them nothing to eat but meal and 4 lbs of beef each week he should give 3/2 as 4 lbs of pork as bacon or 7 lbs of beef &c "good and substantial rations" some of the hands cannot eat beef so they have to live on bread alone. He is also selling them flour Molasses &c has bought a lot of the poorest article of brass jewelry (worth about 2½ cts a set) and sold to the Freedmen for 5 & 6 a set He is working the men folks at making and burning brick while the cotton is open and ought to be picked is probably doing this thinking that the hands will remain next year so as to get all the cotton picked that is, if they dont get it done the first or lock it will be to late to hire to other planters

These complaints have come to me in

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such away that I have but little doubt but they are true

I think if you would write him a note stating that good rations (some beef or pork &c) must be furnished and that the rations must be picked out, that he has no right to take the hands away from their own work even for pay when the Co requires their work, that he will probably do better I have no idea that he expects to pay the Freedmen any thing for their work, It was with the greatest difficulty that they could get hands at all and I assured the hands that they should be dealt fairly and justly by and was sent to make any promises good if possible

Yours in great Hast

E S Bankin

Capt & Eng Dept

Please Ashby on to day and go to Cincinnati to get back to Huntsville about 27th

E S B

Capt E S Bankin
Bureau Commissioners
Agency No 2
Nashville

Oct 18 1865

NARA 223

Hamburg, Ashley Co
Oct 16th 1866.

Taylor Sec'd. S.
Capt &c.

Dr. Wm W. Pollock's leaving, I selected John Carroll to act in same capacity.
By Sec 16 Act continuing Bureau, find that all employees must take test oath, or an oath & info. is the test oath.
Mr Carroll having served 3 yrs in the so called Confed Army, will therefore be ineligible another person for position.

U.S.B.R.F. & A.L. OCT 22. 1866 LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark
Oct 16th 1866.

Respectfully returned. The Asst Comm has no discretion in the premises. The clerk cannot be retained unless he can take the oath required.
By order of
J. W. Sprague Asst Com

John Tyler
Post Surg, USV
A.A.A.G.

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Office Supt B F & A L
Hamburg Ashley Co Ark
Oct 17th 1866

Brevt Major Genl J W Sprague
Asst. Com" B F & A L
Little Rock Ark

Genl on the departure of Mr W D Pollock and his consiquent discontinuance as clerk in the Bureau at this place I selected as a suitable person to fill his place John Carroll a resident of this County

By sec 13 of the act of Congress continuing this Bureau I discover that all Employees in the Bureau must take the test oath or an oath which I infer is the test oath If this inference is correct Mr Carrole could not act as he has been 3 years in the x Confederate service
do called

Pleas inform me as to his com

NARA 225

pitancy under the circumstance and whither he can receive the appointment

I have the honor to be Gent
very respectfully
your obt Servt
A S Taylor
Lieut 15th & 3d & Supt &c
Hamburg

NARA 224

Harris Plantation
Bartholamew Co Oct 30/66

Addams Berry Co

Desires copy Contract from
Mrs Harris. Says he
intends to comply with
Contract That Employ-
ees refuse to take Clothing
as they expect to receive
it without having to
pay. for it.

See Vol 3 No 76

NARA 227

Portland Oct 30th 1866

Lt Taylor
Provost Marshall Ashley County

Dear Sir

You will confer me a favor by getting the Contract from Mrs Harris with these Hands. Miss Harris told me distinctly it was not specified in the Contract to give the hands clothing. You will please write me particulars or send a Copy of the Contract. As the Hands are dissatisfied about not having clothing & having them to pay for. I desire to comply strictly with the Contract although I cannot get it. Please return copy or particulars by Bacon (Rose Colored) Steamer for New Orleans any room. shall return when Contract is finished.

Respectfully
Benj. F. Adams

Harris Plantation

NARA 228

BRFA & L for
Missouri and Ark.
Little Rock Nov 3. 1866

Taylor John Capt & C
Brevt Major U.S.V. A.A.G.

Informs that on return
of the Asst Commissioner
there are probabilities of
Lieut J. Taylor being re-
moved to Arkansas
County, and directs
that he send the
names of three per-
sons suitable to act
as Supt B.R.F. & A.L.
in Ashley County

NARA 229

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ~~MISSOURI,~~ ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

~~CLAIM~~ DIVISION.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 5th 1866

Lieut. J. S. Taylor,
Supt &c Ashley Co, Ark's,
Lieut.

Upon the return of the Ass't Comr's from his present absence it is possible that you may be transferred to Arkansas County, and it is desired that you report the names of three persons one of whom would be suitable as Supt for Ashley Co. in case the change indicated should be made.

This change is quite uncertain and therefore should not be disclosed.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt Servt.
John Tyler
Capt 1 U.S.C.T. Bvt Maj. Vols
Asst Adjt Genl

NARA 23A

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Doubtless in making your report as required by Circular letter which is forwarded by this mail if you are in possession of all the facts you will show that a very much greater number of Contracts have been broken that were not recorded and Affirmed by the Supt than there that have been. I think this report may decide whether contracts must be approved by officers of the Bureau for the year 67

I can't tell you why we are ordered to defer the trial of cases till further instruction from the Asst Comm

I've called on you to report the verbal instruction given me by Genl Sprague with reference to the trial of Cases & needle the report and sent by return mail requesting that Instructions be sent immediately as cases would be coming up continually with reference to labor &c

Lt Geisseler has relieved Capt Able in Black Co.

I shall be on the Miss River and Bayou most of next week will have to start up this office I can not get along without a Clerk

Yours &c

E G B

His Clerk being a dreamer can't see to write as labels think

Natchez Miss
Nov 9 1866.

E G Beaman

NARA 291

Office Genl Supt B. R. J. & L.
Monticello Ark Nov 9th 1866

Lt Taylor
Supt B, R J & L
Hamburg Ark

Dear Sir

I am requested by the Post Master of this place to write you and ask if you are willing to keep the Post Office at Hamburg until a Post Master is regularly appointed and sworn in to office,

There appears to be some very good reasons for making this request Those who have been pretending to attend to the Office have been very careless in some things and very nice and particular about others, such as refusing this P.O Office for sending mail through in sacks (bags) instead of regular mail bags, when there has been no mail bags furnished yet for this line and have to do the best they can for the present

I thought may be for the sake of getting your own mail all safe that you would be willing to take it

The mail boy will hand you this and if you are willing to take it you are hereby authorized to do so,

This is approved by me

Very Truly Yours
E G Barker
Capt & C

Jas L. Gordon P.M. at Monticello Ark

NARA 239

D M Office
B R for 1st
Tuesday
Nov 12/66

Patterson W C
Clerk in Office

Gives directions for
making reports &c

NARA 233

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Novr 12 1866

Lieut D. S. Taylor.
Supt R Frds & L.
Staunburg ark

Sir

Your letter of Nov 2d rec'd In answer to queries. Would most respectfully say that 1st. duplicate copies of Report of Recovered Articles are only required. to be forwarded through office of Chf Disbursing officer R & L States of Arkansas.

2d Acct Current form No 10. is made in triplicate one copy retained in your office. one copy forwarded to the Comr R & L through office of Chf Disbursing officer. One copy forwarded to Third Auditor U.S. Treas at Washington through office of Chf Disby officer. or direct as you please, a copy of each voucher to be filed with each acct Current.

3rd. - 2d Comptroller Washington D.C.

over.

NARA 234

Jamuny respectfully
yours obt servant
W A Patterson
for Col Skinner
army.

NARA 235

D. 25 Little Rock 1866

Little Rock, Ark, Nov. 22 1866
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Tyler, John Bvt. Maj. U.S.A. A. Genl. Bureau R & A

Transmits accounts of Dr. R. M. Dickerson of Hamburg, Ark for $46.00 for medical services rendered & the detail of the 19th Infy stationed at that place.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE, HD. QRS. DEPT. OF THE ARKANSAS
NOV 24 1866
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Recd. D.A.G. Nov. 26. 1866.

Hd. Qrs. Dept. of the Arkansas,
Little Rock. Ark. Nov. 23d 1866.

Respectfully referred to Bvt. Lieut. Col. Jos. R. Smith Surgeon U.S.A., Medical Director of the Department

By Command of
Bvt. Maj. Genl. Ord.
[illegible]
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Respfly returned. This account should have been made in duplicate, & should have been certified by the Commdg Officer, and should have been accompanied by an amnesty oath, taken by the claimant—

for present form of accts per Genl Order 90. dated War Dept. A.G.O. Washington Nov 10th 66

[illegible] B. 761.

Jos. R. Smith
Surg USA
Med Dir Dept of the Ark

1,000
Nov 26th 66

Hd. Qrs. Dept. of the Arkansas
Little Rock Ark Nov. 26. 1866

Respectfully returned to Bvt Maj. Jno. Tyler A.A.G., to be returned to Lieut J. S. Taylor Superintendent at Hamburg, for compliance with the directions contained in the endorsement of the Medical Director.

By Command of
Bvt. Maj. Genl. C.O.S. Ord.
[illegible]
1866 Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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U.S. MED. DIR'S OFFICE, DEPT. OF THE GULF
NOV 26 1866
U.S.A. MO. 4 B.R.F.&A.L. LITTLE ROCK

NARA 234

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 22nd 1866.

Maj. O D Greene
Asst Adj't Genl,
Dep't of the Ark,
Majors.

I have the honor to transmit herewith account of Dr R. M. Dickenson Hamburgh, Ark for medical service rendered to the detail of the 19th U. S. Infty stationed at that place.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt Servt
John Eyler
Capt U. S. C. Bvt Maj. Genl.
A. A. A. Genl,

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Headquarters R. F. & A. L.
Forwarded for the Gov
Little Rock Ark
June 27th 1866

Respectfully returned
to Bvt Lt. S. Taylor
A. D. C. Supt &c. and
attention invited
to endorsement of
Maj. C. H. Greene
A. Q. M. Dept of the Ark

Recommended by
Bvt Maj. Gen'l Ord
Asst Com

John Taylor
Capt. U. S. C. Bvt Maj. Vols
A. A. A. G.

E. C. 49

NARA 238

G M D
Silver Creek Mo
Nov 20th/66

Page of Henry

Forwards ten dollars
Post mast to John Cornell

NARA 239

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 20 1866.

Lieut J S. Taylor.
Supt R F & L.
Hamburg Ark

Sir

I have the honor to hand you herewith Ten dollars ($10) amt of John Carroll, voucher of rent for october 1866.

I am very respectfully
your obedient Servant
Thos Page
Bvt Col & Asst

NARA 24A

Monticello Ark.
Nov. 20. 1866.

Barker Carr & Co

Instructions in regard
to contracts for the
year 1867. Settlement
for the year 1866

NARA 241

Office Genl Supt Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Mantiella Ark Nov 20" 1866

Lieut Col Taylor
Supt &c Hamburg Ark

Lieut—

Your letter of 13" inst is before me and I hasten to reply after a week absence in Desert Ashley & Drew counties

In making the report called for in circular letter &c of cases can not make a personal inspection, but may learn from the contracts in the Office as to the No of freedmen & simple contract and can guess at the No not under contracts approved in the Office and then guess how many freedmen have violated their contracts and how many planters have violated their's stating the comparative No of violations of contracts approved of those who are under, contract and those who are not, We must make impossibilities do best we can

Q After instructing me to report all verbal instruction given me by Genl Sprague with reference to Bureau Courts says; "Cases under both verbal and written instruction will be suspended until direction are given from this Office" I give you the quotation Can tell what is meant, it beats me; though I think if I was in your place I would interpret it to apply only to criminal cases and would go ahead with such cases as you referred to in your letter where freedmen are

NARA 24P

having defrauded, but it might be best to get the Freedmen to swear out an attachment and stop the shipment of the cotton by civil process, but there is serious objection to that; as that would be a virtual acknowledgement that the Claim of the Freedman was only a debt in common with others and only the same chance of collecting which is not true; their Claim is a lean upon the crop which must be paid before any one else can touch it. This lean or claim is not subject to any debt that the Planter may have contracted with other parties. This opinion I believe to be founded on equity and justice and will be sustained by any Court.

I have just received instruction that all Supts will refrain from issuing any Circulars or Orders of a General nature with reference to Contracts or anything else that all such will be issued by the Asst Com-r

That Contracts for next year, settlements for this year will be conducted ~~to-day~~ according to the now existing orders as at least there has been no intimation of any change from the Commissioner, O O Howard.

It is your duty to advise Freedmen to Contract with only such men as have treated them well this year and have made fair settlements and payment. So go where they can do the best by possible agents

by written Contract that Planters have a scarcity of Labor is in great demand and if Freedmen are not in too great a hurry about contracting they can get good places and good prices for labor.

As to the remarks of Colonel about my originating charges against Kittel or any body else it is not worth noticing. If we carried out half the real difficulties it would be much worse than is done and but little time would be left for Supts to make false charges or listen to Colonel either. Of course the Freedmen you can get away from him to better.

Kittel sent word for me to come down and make his Lands contract with him for next year. Of course we do not make Freedmen contract with any one and surely when the Freedmen have hired a man one year they ought to know whether to stay another year or not.

I would like to see you before settling with Kittel or settle with him myself.

Do the best you can exercise sound discretion and I will try to sustain you in your efforts to do justice.

Yours in best

Truly yours

E. S. Parker

Capt & Asst Supt

NARA 243

Office Asst Comr
Little Rock Ark
Nov 24

Sylvester Cobb John A A.G.

Informs that claims cannot be taken under Joint Resolutions of Congress June 15th and July 26th 66 without proof of Freedom. and gives further instructions in regard to claims

NARA 244

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 27th 1866

Lieut. D. S. Taylor
Supt &c.
Hamburg, Ark.

Lieut

I am directed by the Asst Comr to inform you that claims can now be taken under the Joint Resolutions of June 15th and July 26th 1866, without furnishing proof of freedom. Claims should be made first, under these resolutions, and afterward for the bounty under the "Equalization act." The necessary blanks will be furnished at the earliest date, and until they are rec'd, it is suggested to the officers who forward claims that they receive the discharges of the claimants when application is made and prepare the claims when the blanks are obtained, thus keeping the soldiers from the hands of Claim Agents.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John Tyler
Capt U.S.C. Lt Maj Vols
A.A.A. Genl.

NARA 245

Office Genl Supt
Bureau R F & A L
Monticello Ark
Nov 23rd 1866

Barker Capt & C

Sends information that
he is just in receipt
of Circular 26 which
directs all officers to
forward abstract &
all vouchers given
during the month to
Col Henry Page A
A A Little Rock

NARA 24F

Office Asst Supt Bureau R F & A L
Monticello Ark Dec 25th 1866

Lt J S Taylor
Supt &c
Hamburg Ark

Dear Sir

I have received Circular 26 which requires that all Officers of the Bureau forward to Genl Supt R & M Bureau R F & A L Little Rock Ark on the last day of each Month an Abstract of all Vouchers given during the Month for expenditures of the Office & also that all Articles purchased have been properly taken up on D M Returns, 23rd & 4th forms according to Par 1013 Revised Regs of 1863

"Property, found for or not, must be taken up on the return and accounted for when received"

If I had any blanks I would send you some but fear you will not give any vouchers this month; Have yours Soldiers arrived yet; I send you two Copies of a notice with reference to Contracts &c probably the Ashley Co Times would give it a place in its Columns

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If I get time I will write an article and have inserted in the Practical Guardian this week on the subject of Labor
The want Schools Established through the County Exist also it being a part of the written contract where ever possible and practicable Planters will put Schools on Plantations if they can't get Lands without
Yours truly Yours &c
E G Parker
Capt & Bvt Lt

P S I hope you will send that Special report in regard to Persons violating Contracts &c as soon as you can
E G P

Bureau Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
Office Asst Comr for Miss & E La
Vicksburg Miss Sept 25th 1866

Special Order No 1
Under the provisions of Section 1 Act of Congress approved March 3d 1865 entitled "An Act to establish a Bureau for the relief of Freedmen and Refugees" and the Circular from the Commissioner of the Bureau dated May 30th 1865 the undersigned hereby assumes charge of the Bureau for the Relief of Freedmen and Refugees in the State of Mississippi
O O Howard
Maj Gen U S A
Commissioner

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N O Bureau
Little Rock Ark
Dec 3rd 66

Taylor Catt Johnson
A A A Gy

Informs that no
Change will take
place in the office
of Supt in Ashley
County at present

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 3rd 1866.

Lieut A. B. Taylor,
Supt &c,
Hamburgh, Ark,

Lieut.

I am directed by the Ass't Com'r to inform you in reply to your communication of the 22nd Nov. reporting names of persons who could be appointed agents of this Bureau at Hamburgh. that at present no change will be made in the office at that place.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt Servt

John Eagles.
Capt V.R.C. Bt Maj Vols.
A.A.A.Gen'l

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Hd. qr. dep't. of the Ark.
Little Rock Dec 6 "/66

B. D. Greene
asst. adj't. Gen'l

Military Commander
receiving application
for a Military force
to arrest citizens
for Crimes. application
to be accompanied with
affidavits of credible
Witnesses. and the
Statement of Superintendent
that he has brought
the case before the Civil
authorities & refused

Rec'd Dec 6 1866

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Hd Qrs Dept of the Arkansas
Little Rock Ark Dec 16 66

Circular Letter

To

Commanding Officer
Post of

Military commanders in this Department receiving application for military force to aid in the arrest of citizens, who have been guilty of murder, robbery, aggravated assaults, rape or arson upon freedmen, freedwomen or their families, will furnish the necessary force to make the arrests, provided the application is accompanied with affidavits of credible witnesses to the crime, and the statement of the superintendent of freedmen that he has brought the case to the notice of the civil authorities of the State, and they have failed or refused to take cognizance thereof

The troops furnished will return to their

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proper command, as soon as the records have been made.

Yours Sir

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Sgd) O. D. Greene.
Asst Adjt Genl.

Official copy respectfully furnished for the information of Capt E. Baxter 13th U.S. Col Inft and Capt Hinchcliffe Asst, and the Superintendents of Colored Schools

By command of
Brig Genl Fisk and Asst Comr.

Jno Eyler
Capt. 21st U.S. Col'd Inf'y Vols
A. A. A. G. D.

Little Rock, Ark.
Dec. 19th 1866.

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N. O Bureau
Little Rock Ark
Dec 13th/66

Taylor Capt John
A A A G

Acknowledges receipt
of application for
teachers and assures
the prompt attention
to the matter on
the return of the
School Supt

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 13th 1866

Lieut A. S. Taylor U.S.C.
Supt Hamburgh, Ark

Lieut.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 30th ult. requesting three male teachers to take charge of colored schools to be established on plantations in Ashley Co. In reply thereto I am directed by the Asst Comr to inform you that your request will be acted upon as soon as the Supt of Schools returns from a short absence. Efforts will be made to supply all demands for teachers and it is hoped they will result successfully.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt Servt
M Taylor
Capt U.S.C. Bvt Maj Gen
A.A.A.Genl

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U. S. Bureau
Little Rock Ark
Dec 13th/66

Taylor Catt Adjr

Sir

Direct that I receive
Operations again
under Circulars. No
5 par 7 No orders
to discontinue
Have been issued

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 13th 1866

Lieut S. S. Taylor, U.S.C.
Supt Hamburgh, Ark.

Lieut,

I am directed by the Asst Comm to inform you that you will resume action under the authority of Par. 7 Circulars No 5 of the Bureau, Series of 1865, and that the orders of Capt Barker directing this discontinuance as reported in your monthly report for November, must have resulted from a decided misunderstanding of his instructions from this office. Orders to discontinue this action were never issued or made.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt Servt,

John Taylor
Capt. U.S.C. Bvt Maj. U.S.A.
A.A.A.Genl.

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M. O Bureau
Little Rock Ark
Dec 22/66

Tyler John capt
Co E AAA Gen

Informs that he
has sent 200 Blank
Marriage certificates
and will send Blak
Contracts soon

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 22nd 1866.

Lieut S. S. Taylor, U.S.C.
Supt Hamburgh, Ark.

Lieut,

I have the honor to inform you that I have mailed to you this day 200 blank marriage certificate the receipt of which please acknowledge.

A supply of blank contracts will be furnished in a few days.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt Servt.

[illegible]
Capt U.S.C. Bt Maj. Vols.
A.A.A. Genl

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Docket

Near Berlin

Ashley Co. Arkansas

Sawyers. H. L.

Citizen

Letter of information

in answer to a summons

from this Office.

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Near Bisbie
Ashley Co Ark

Lieut. Taylor.

Sir

I Rec'd your note a few days since in Regard to the hire of a certain negro woman Elizabeth McGee. All I have to say is that She is the meanest negro I ever had about me, for the first month She served me faithfully, and seemed to be as well pleased as a negro could be, after that She commenced to get Lousy & wanted to go back to Hamburg. I tried every way that I could devise to keep her But all in Vain. Therefore She has Violated the Contract & I do not feel bound to pay her any wages She has put me to a great deal of trouble. Hoping this will suffice I shall not put my self to any further trouble in the premises.

I am Sir Very Respectfully Yrs &c
C. L. Sawyer

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Headquarters Department of the Arkansas,

Little Rock, Ark., January 2 1867.

Lieut. Colonel D. H. Montgomery

Deputy Quartermaster General

Chief Quartermaster Dep. Ark

Colonel

The General Commanding the Department directs me to instruct you that the Company of the 28th U. S. Infantry now at Summerville Ark., will shortly be removed from that point to Washington Ark. thus making this latter point a two Company post under Command of Bvt Major Geo S. Pierce Captain 28th U. S. Infantry. It is the General's direction that this post be supplied by the way of Fulton on the Red river, at which

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Headquarters Department of the Arkansas

Point he directs you to provide the necessary warehouse and Station an Agent of your Department to receive and forward Stores. The post will be supplied for ten months from the 1st instant and you will make arrangements therefor immediately and without waiting for Estimates and Requisitions.

You will however instruct the Post Quartermaster to make the necessary requisitions and estimates and forward them to this Office for the approval of the Commanding General.

The detachment of troops at Hamburgh Ashley County Ark. under the orders of the Superintendent of the Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands will be rationed by way of Harris Saline landing on the Ouachita river. Forage for the three public animals at that point will be purchased in the Country by the Superintendent of Bureau of R. F. & A. Ls. as Acting Assistant Quartermaster and you will furnish him with the necessary funds therefor.

The name of the Bureau Officer at Hamburgh is 1st Lieutenant Isaac S. Taylor 15th Veteran Reserve Corps.

Copies of this letter are supplied to Brevt Major J. G. Grant, Chief Commissary of Subsistence of the Department.

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to Brevet Colonel C. G. Gilbert
Major 28th U.S. Infantry, Commanding
Officer at Camden, Ark.;
to Brt Major Peirce at Washington and to Lieutenant Taylor
at Hamburgh for their information and guidance insofar
as it may effect their duties.

Same Colonel

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
O. F. P. Greene
Assistant Adjt. General

Official Copy furnished to
1st Lieutenant Isaac S. Taylor
15th U.S.C.T. Supt. Bureau
R. F. & Lands
Islands Lands.
O. F. P. Greene
A. A. G.

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WAR DEPT. OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL
DEC 31 1866
RECD

Respectfully referred to Lieut. J.
S. Taylor who will cause a third
copy to be made and a five cent
revenue stamp affixed to each copy.
- The ~~annexed~~ oath of allegiance
~~of~~ Dr. Dickeson is also required.

E.B.# 4 O.S. R. Smith
Brt. Col. & Surgeon ~~U.S.A~~
Med. Director Dept. of the Ark.
M. D. C.
Jan 2/67.



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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., March 31st 1866.

Bvt Col Jos R Smith
Surgeon U.S.A.
Med Dir. Dept of the Ark;
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel,

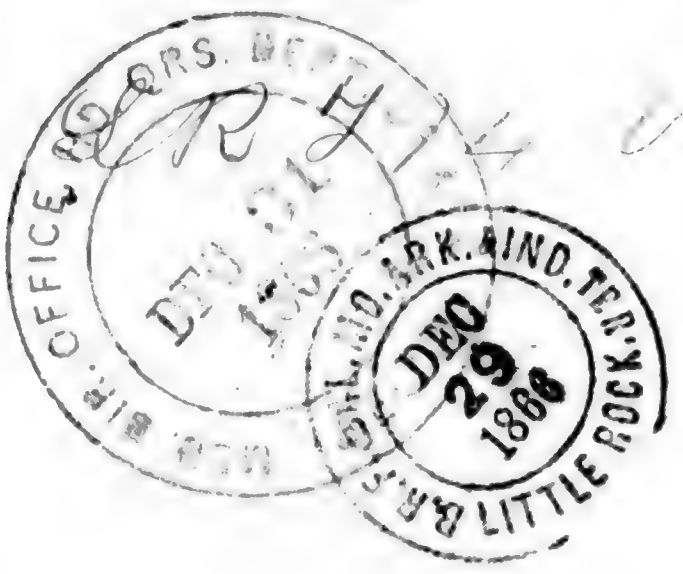
I am directed by the Asst Comr to refer to you the enclosed contract between Lt J. S. Taylor, A.A.C. Supt at Stamburg Ark, and Dr R.M. Dickerson of that place

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt Servt,

Capt & A.C.
Asst Adjt Gen'l

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This Contract entered into This 8th day of November 1866 at Hamburg State of Arkansas between D S Taylor 1st Lieut 15th V R C Supt R F & A L and Dr R M Dickerson of Hamburg in the State of Arkansas Witnesseth that for the consideration hereinafter mentioned the said Dr R M Dickerson promises and agrees to perform the duties of a medical Officer agreable to the Army Regulations at Hamburg Arkansas and to furnish the necessary medicins

And the said D S Taylor 1st Lut 15th V R C Supt R F & A L promises and agrees on behalf of the United States To pay or cause to be paid to the said Dr R M Dickerson the Sum of ($30) Thirty dollars for each and every month he shall continue to perform the services above stated which shall be his full compensation, and in lieu of all allowances and emoluments whatsoever (except that for medicins furnished which shall be at the rate of per cent on his monthly pay to be determined by the Surgeon General

This Contract to continue till determined by the said Dr R M Dickerson or the commanding Officer for the time being or the Surgeon General

R M Dickerson M D (Seal)

Signed Sealed and delivered
in the presence of
A W Dibbs Clk
of Circuit Court

D S Taylor (Seal)
Lut 15th V R C Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark

(over)

NARA 2AA

I Certify That the number of persons entitled to medical attention agreable to regulations at Hamburg is (11) Eleven and that no Competent Physician Can be obtained at a lower rate

D S Taylor
Lieut 16th U S C Infty R F & A L
Hamburg Ark

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U.S. MIL. OFFICE RECORDS DEPT. LITTLE ROCK, ARK. DEC 29 1866

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OFFICE, HD. QRS. DEPT. OF
DEC 31
1866
HD. ARK. & IND. TER'Y
DEC
29
1866
LITTLE ROCK

NARA 27A

This Contract entered into this 8th day of November 1866 at Hamburg State of Arkansas between D S Taylor 1st Lieut 15th Inf Bvt Capt Supt R.F. & A.L. and Dr R M Dickerson of Hamburg in the State of Arkansas. Witnesseth that for the Consideration hereafter mentioned the said Dr R M Dickerson promises and agrees to perform the duties of a medical Officer agreable to the Army Regulations at Hamburg Arkansas and to furnish the necessary medicins

And the said D S Taylor 1st Lieut 15th Inf Bvt Capt Supt R F & A L promises and agrees on behalf of the United States to pay or cause to be paid to the said Dr R M Dickerson the sum of ($30) Thirty Dollars for each and every month he shall continue to perform the services above Stated which shall be his full compensation and in lieu of all allowances and emoluments what-soever (except that for medicins furnished which shall be at the rate of per cent on his monthly pay to be determined by the Surgeon General)

This Contract to continue till determined by the said Doctor R M Dickerson or the Commanding Officer for the time being or the Surgeon General

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of
A Wells asst
Lieut Comt

R M Dickerson M.D. (seal)

D S Taylor
Lieut 15th Inf Bvt Capt Supt R.F. & A.L. (seal)
Hamburg Ark

(over)

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I certify that the number of persons entitled to medical attendance agreable to regulation at Hamburg is (11) Eleven and that no competent Physician can be obtained at a lower rate

S S Taylor
Lieut 15th U S C Infy R F & A L
Hamburg Ark

U.S. DEPT. OF AGRIC. FIELD OFFICE, HQ. MEM. & LITTLE ROCK R.F.&A.L.
RECD 29 1866
DEC 31 1866

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L R "20" 67 C J R F 1

Little Rock Ark
January 10" 1867

Page Henry Col
A. D. C.

Check on Merchants National
Bank Little Rock $54 18/100
Payable to order John Carroll
for services rendered
Amount of his vouchers

Rec'd Jan 28 1867

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., *January 10th 1867.*

Lieut. D. S. Taylor.
Supt A. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith Check on Merchants National Bk of Little Rock for Fifty four $^{00}/_{100}$ dollars ($54.00) payable to order of John Carroll. Amt of Mr Carroll's vouchers for services rendered

Yours very respectfully,
Your obd't Servt
Wm Page
Asst Com'r

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Head Quars Burn
Little Rock Ark
Jan 17th 66

Page Brevt Col
Hemig A D C

Returns Reports for
December for cor-
rection on acct of
one day too many
being reported in
the Rent of A
Files

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., January 17 1867.

Lieut D S Taylor
Supt. Bot A F & L.
Hamburg Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to return herewith Report of Persons & Articles for Decr 1866. for correction. Rent of building belonging to Armond Laflin reported for one day too much. The error undoubtedly arises in Considering the 31st day of the month. all months in the year are Consumted as having 30 days. From 8th to 31st of Decr. including 30th only 23 days instead of 24.

Your Report of Persons & Articles for Novr. 1866. has not been received at this office. A Supplementary is received but not the Report proper. Voucher of John Carroll for rent to Dec 7th. also not rec'd

When a voucher is rendered for services it must be so stated. neither head of Persons or Report of Persons & Articles in Red Ink

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thus. "Voucher Given"

I am very respectfully

Your obed't Serv't

Henry Lee

Pr Lt Col 2 Regt W

NARA 277

Bureau No 2 Sub
R. St Jan 20/42

W W Coby
Supt Schools

Sends extract of letter
from Reno J R Shepherd
Sec of A M Society
and informs Sup Snyder
that a summer action
would probably be favor-
able action

NARA 27A

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory,

Office of Gen'l. Supt. of Schools.

Little Rock, Ark. Jan. 20 1867.

Lieut. Taylor
Supt. Ashley Co.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith extract from letter from Rev. J. K. Shepherd. Secy. Am. Missionary Association.

"We will send you in a few days a good male teacher for the Red river plantation. near Washington upon the guarantee in Maj Thibaut's note. of $30. per month and board. Please notify the Major that everything may be in readiness when he arrives."

The application ~~of~~ as of Lt. Taylor would have been as promptly filled. if it had conveyed similar assurance of co-operation"

Very Respectfully
Wm. H. Colby
Asst. Supt. Schools

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K2 Bureau
Little Rock Ark
Jan 21st/67

Tyler Brumbaugh
John A A G

Informs Officers that
he cannot consider
used as spies

NARA PAM

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Jan 21st 1867.

Circular Letter

Sir,

Officers in the military service of the United States on duty in this Bureau as Superintendents, are hereby informed that they are allowed one room as office and that rooms in excess of this number furnished by the Bureau, occupied by themselves as sleeping rooms or quarters deprives such officers of the privilege of commuting their rations at 50 fifty cents or collecting commutation for quarters.

By command of

Bt. Maj Genl E O C Ord Asst Comg.

Jno Taylor
Capt. U.S.C. 13th Maj. Vols.
A.A.A.G.

To. Lt. A. S. Taylor
Supt.
Hamburg Ark

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LR 34-67-BRFAL.

Office Supt-R.o.F.
Hamburg Ark
Dec. 21. 1866
Jany 25-1867

Taylor J. S.
Lt. U.S.R.C.
Supt. &c

Requests information of Isabella Sattler Col'd.-

L.R.4. Mar

RECEIVED
JAN 25 1867
B.R.F. & A.L. MISS. ARK. LITTLE ROCK

Bureau R.o.F.
Office Genl. Supt.
Helena Ark.
Jan. 22? 1867.

Respectfully returned to Lt. Taylor Supt, &c. No information of the within named Colored Girl "Isabella Sattler" has been obtained after careful enquiry. No Person has been known to have ever heard of her.-

D. Sweeny
Bvt. Major & Genl. Supt
R.o.F.

E-4- Mar

No. 1

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
For Ark. & Ind. Ter.
Little Rock Ark
Jan 25. 1867.

Respectfully referred to Lieut S. S. Taylor U.S.C. Supt Hamburg. Ark

By command of
Bvt Maj Genl Osb.
Asst Com'r.

Jno Tyler
Capt. U.S.C. Bvt Maj Vols.
A. A. A. Genl.

B.4-61-67.

NARA PAP

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Dec 21st 1866

Copy Sweeny
Supt R F & A L
Helena Ark.

Sir

Information is desired
of Sallie Tratter a colored woman who
when last heared from was living with
Col Joseph Tratter in Kellers
Her Father Harrod Smith is anxious
to hear from her and has the means
to send for her. If she will come.
Any Information in regard to this
woman will be thankfully received
and by addressing me she can reach
its proper designation

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
A S Taylor
Lieut 1st & RC Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark

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Hiscock

Little Rock Ark.

Janry. 24. 1867.

Asst. Commissioner

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Jan 24 1867.

Lieut D. L. Taylor U.S.C.
Supt Camburg
Ashley County Ark.

Lieut

Your monthly narrative report for December 1866 is received. A company of colored cavalry will be sent you in a short time. You will quietly inform yourself of the habitations of the desparadoes and murderers in your district that they may be arrested. Take affidavits in each case. You will notify the wealthy landowners and planters that if they do not interest themselves so as to put a stop to murders and outrages against soldiers, freedmen and northern men as reported by yourself, Capt Barker and others and known to be practised in Ashley County, I will send a force of colored cavalry to sweep the County and remove every freedperson from it, as a measure of safety to that class of people. I wish you to report to me, at what point steamboats should be

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sent to receive the families of freedmen; and how many boats it would take to remove the whole freed population from the County; also how many wagons it would take and where they should rendezvous. I am authorized to furnish such freed persons as desire to move transportation, and will include in it rations to their place of destination, which will probably be Jefferson County Arkansas, where there are hundreds of planters who treat their freedmen well, and who are applying daily for permission to bring them from remote States.

Notify the intelligent freedmen of this measure and state to the best men in the County that I will hold them responsible for your good treatment and have both the power and will to carry out my intentions

Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Sgd) O. O. Ord
Bt Maj Genl U.S.A.
Assistant Commissioner

Official Copy
Thos. Page
Bt Col & A.D.C.
A.A.A.G.

NARA 2RA

War Department
B. R. L. & A. L.
Washington Aug 24th 67

Howard. O. O. Map
Genl. Commissioner

Instructions to officers
or agents to charge no
fees in connection with
Contracts. Contracts
to be in Writing if possible.

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War Department
Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Washington Jan. 24th 1867

General:

Hereafter and until further orders no fees or charges will be exacted by officers or Agents of the Bureau for services they may render in connection with contracts between freedpeople and their employers, either in the examination approval, witnessing, or registry of such contracts or otherwise.

Please instruct your subordinates to comply with this requirement. Labor contracts should be in writing. If possible persuade laborers and employers not to rely upon mere verbal agreements, they occasion much confusion. Bureau Agents are required to do all in their power to secure fair contracts for the freedpeople, and in offering their services for that purpose, they should let it be understood that they will be rendered without charge to the parties concerned.

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Very Respectfully &c

Official
A.S. Taylor
1st Lieut 6th U.S. Cav. A.A.G.

(Sgd) O.O. Howard
Maj Genl Commissioner

To

Maj Genl E.O.C. Ord.
Asst Comrs.
Little Rock Ark.

Official copy respectfully furnished to for the information and guidance of Asst. A.G. Taylor, Dispatch Bearer

And

By command of
Bvt Maj Gen. O.O. Howard Asst Comr

Little Rock Ark
May 31, 1867.

Thos Page
Bvt Col & A.D.C.
U.S.A.

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B. R. F. & A. L. for Ark
Office Asst Com L. Rock
Jany 24/67

Ord & O. C.

Maj Genl Canby Dept

States that a Company
of U S Col Cav. will be
sent to Ashley Co Ark
to prevent depredations
lately being committed
upon helpless freedmen

of plantations
Ord & Orders

NARA 29A

Hdqrs 2d Div. A.D. for Cotton & Red Rivers
Office of Asst Comr
Little Rock Arks January 14. 1867.

Lieut J.S. Taylor.
Supt Freedmen
Ashley Co. Arks

Lieut.

Your Monthly report for december 1866 is recieved. A Company of Colored Cavalry will be sent you in a short time and you will Quietly notify yourself of the Habitations of the desperadoes and murderers in your district that they may be arrested. Take affidavits in each case. You will notify the wealthy land holders and planters, that if they do not interest themselves so as to put a Stop. to murders and outrages against Soldiers. freedmen and northern men. as reported by yourself Capt Barker and others. and known to be practiced in Ashley County. I will send a force of Colored Cavalry to scour the County and remove any bad person in it. as a measure of Safety to that Class of people. I wish you to report how or what points Steamboats Should be sent to receive the families of freedmen. And how many boats it would

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take to remove the whole Freedpopulation
from the County. And how many Wagons
it would take and where they should rendezvo

I am authorized to furnish to such free
persons as desire transportation
and will include in it ration, to this place
of destination which will probably be
Jefferson County. where there are hundr
of planters who treat their freedmen well
and who are daily applying for permission
to bring them from remote States.

Ratify the intelligent friendliness
of this measure, and state to the best men
of the vicinity that I will hold them responsible
for your good treatment, and have both the
power and will to carry out my intentions

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
by[illegible] E. O. C Ord
Bt Maj Genl U. S. A
Asst Comr.

Official Copy
by[illegible] Benj Pope
Bt Col. & Aydn
Genl.

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No. 4

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark
Jany 26. 1867

Col Henry Page
Bt. Col. A. A. Gen

Directing that affidavits of persons having claims before the Bureau be forwarded without delay & that all reports of Claims Agents be accompanied with proper Evidence

Rec'd Feby 1st 1867

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., ~~June 26th~~ 29 *1867.*

Lieut S. S. Taylor 2d U.S.
Supt. ~~Hamburg Ark~~

Lieut,

The Assistant Commissioner directs that you forward to this office without delay affidavits substantiating the case of the hanging of the freedman named Thompson as reported by you in your monthly report for December 1866.

Hereafter with all reports of this nature you will forward sufficient evidence (affidavits) to substantiate the reports and enable the Civil Authorities here to take action in the matter.

Your attention is called to Circulars No 30. (enclosed) which will be strictly complied with.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt Servt.
Henry Hoyt
Bvt Colonel 9th U.S.C.
A.A.A.Genl

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Bureau R. Fds A, Ls
Little Rock, Ark
Janry 31st 1867

Col Henry Page
Brvt Col A.Q.M

Directing to report
whether or not any
of the rooms occupied
at that Station are
occupied for sleeping
Rooms or Quarters

Feb. 7th, May 5, 1867

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Jan'y 31st 1867

Circular Letter

Sir

The Assistant Commissioner directs that you report to this office without delay whether any of the rooms rented by this Bureau at your Station, are occupied by yourself as sleeping rooms or quarters.

I am, very respectfully
Your obd't serv't.

Thos. Page
Bvt. Col & A.A.G.M.
A.A.A.G.

To
Lieut S. S. Taylor
Supt.
Hamburg
Ark

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No. 6

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark
July 2. 1867

Col. Henry, Page
Brvt Lieut. A. D. C.

To receipt for
one Copy of the Bureau
=a offices. Manual

Rec. July 6. 1867

NARA 297

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Feby 2 186*1*

Lieut.

I have the honor to inform you that I have forwarded to you by mail this day one copy of the Bureau Officers manual the receipt of which you will please acknowledge.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Thos Pope
Bt Col & A A G

To
Lieut S. S. Taylor
Supt &c
Hamburg
Ark

NARA 29A

Little Rock Ark.
Jan 24th 1866.

Genl. Ord
To
Lieut J. S. Taylor

Reed. Feb. 2nd 1867

#2 Jany 24/67.
Will send a
company of C. Cavalry
to Ashley County &c.

NARA 299

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Jan 2nd 1867.

Lieut E. S. Saylor U.S.A.
Supt Hamburg
Ashley County Ark

Lieut:

Your monthly narrative report for December ult is received. A company of colored cavalry will be sent you in a short time, & you will carefully inform yourself of the outbreaks of the desperadoes & murderers in your district & all that may be arrested. Take affidavits in each case. You will notify the wealthy landowners & planters that if they do not interest themselves so as to put a stop to murders & outrages against soldiers, freedmen & northern men as reported by yourself. Capt Barnes & others & known to be practised in Ashley County, I will send a force of colored cavalry to sweep the County, & remove every freedman from it, as a measure of safety to that class of people. I wish you to report to me, at what points steamboats should be

sent to receive the families of freedmen, and how many boats it would take to remove the whole freed population from the County; also how many wagons it would take and where they should rendezvous. I am authorized to furnish such freed persons as desire to move transportation, and will include in it rations to their place of destination, which will probably be Jefferson County Arkansas, where there are hundreds of planters who treat their freedmen well, and who are applying daily for permission to bring them from remote States.

Notify the intelligent freedmen of this measure, and state to the best men in the County that I will hold them responsible for your good treatment, and have both the power and will to carry out my intentions.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Sgd) O. O. B. Ord
Bt. Maj. Genl U.S.A.
Assistant Commissioner

Official copy
Henry Page
Bt Lieut & Adjt
A.A.A.G.

NARA 3A1

No 8

A. A. Genls office

Washington D. C. Feb 2 "/69

Montgomery. A.
Dept A. A. General

Ruston D. H.
Bvt. Maj. G. U. S. A. act A. M.

E

Directing Quartermaster
of your department to
place to the credit
of the Quartermasters
of the Post of Fort Gibson
& Arbuckle such funds
as may be necessary to
pay the claims of act refunt
tc, referred to assistant A. M
acting at Hamburg Ark —

NARA 3AP

Quartermaster Generals Office
Washington D. C. February 2nd 1867

Major General E. O. C Ord
Commanding Department of Arkansas
Little Rock Ark.

General.

Your telegram of the 1st instant representing the necessity of supplying the Officers of the Dr. Mr. Department at Forts Gibson and Arbuckle with funds to pay for purchases of Hay and Wood and for services of Mechanics and Laborers at those posts, instead of requiring the Vouchers to be sent to Little Rock for settlement, has been received, and in view of the facts set forth by you, I will thank you to direct the Chief Quartermaster of your Department, to place to the credit of the Quartermasters, at the above named posts from time to time in the nearest authorized depository, such funds as may be necessary, to pay the class of accounts referred to.

The Chief Quartermaster should call for detailed

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NARA 3AA

estimates of the amounts required in each case which estimates should undergo a careful examination, before transfer of funds is made, and care should be taken that no more funds are transferred than is absolutely necessary to meet the immediate wants of the service

I am General Very Respectfully
Your obd't Serv't
(sgd) D. H. Rucker
Bvt. Major General U.S.A
Actg. Qr. Mr. General

Office of Quartermaster
Fort Leck Jan. Febuary 27th 186[illegible]

Respectfully referred to the Acting Assistant Quartermaster at Hamburg Ark. who will comply with the instructions contained herein, so far as making detailed estimates upon the Chief Quartermaster from time to time as he may require

Assistant
Lieut. Colonel & Asst. Deputy Gen'l

NARA 304

Office Chf. Q.M. Dept. Ark.
Little Rock
July 2. 1867

Joseph L. G. Crane
Bvet. Maj. Q.M.

Stating there were
Muster upon returns
returned approved
by the Commander of
the Post. Also rendered
Monthly Statements
to the Commissary of
Subst. of Clothing & Stores
Issued to R. & F.

Ark. July 10. 1867.

NARA 385

Office Asst Dept of Ark
Little Rock Ark. Feby 7/65

Lieut

Your communication of the 1st inst received, and in reply would respectfully state I have on hand as per Ration Returns, approved by the Commandant of the Post 5th the above you will account for on Forms 1 & 2 Sub. Reg. You will also render monthly statement to the Commissary Genl of Sub. of the amount and cost of above issued to R & G.

I have this day mailed to your address a few blank forms.

Yours Respectfully
Joseph G. Bruce
Brevet Major G.

Lt. J. S. Taylor
Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark

NARA 386

Office Chf Qr Mr DC Br Dept
Little Rock Ark Dec 8. 1864.

Respectfully returned with the information, that the issue of a voucher is equivalent to the payment of the account. you therefore cancel the time and date of issue of such vouchers. Your Dec. report is corrected to agree with the above,

Thos Page
Bvt Col & A.A.G.

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NARA 3A7

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
Jan 31st 67

Brvt Col Henry Page
A A G M
Little Rock

Instructions

in regard to Report of "Persons & Articles" not satisfactorily understood. and would respect fully request explanation. Under the head of "Time and Amount due and remaining unpaid." do I drop the amount of time at the time of such issue for which I issue vouchers. & or do I carry the amt on Report until the Voucher is Cancelled.

I have the honor to be
Respectfully &c
L S Taylor
1st Lieut 15th Regt Supt R F & A L

NARA 3AA

No. 11

Buro. R. Fort. 6
Little Rock Ark
Feb 8. 1864

Col Henry. Page
Brvt Col U.S.A. 2. Mo

Bureau not allowed
but one room if
two is used report
as one. Cautions
to rent. Mr. Vouchers

Rec Feb 13. 1864

NARA 349

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., Feby 8 1867.

Lieut. D. S. Taylor.
15th VRC. Supt. B. R. F. & A. L.
Housing. Hospitals & Asylums
Lieut.,

On your (Form 2.) Report of Persons and Articles for December 1866. you report two rooms used for office. Regulations for officers of the Bureau R. F. & A.L. do not allow but one — see. Article 6. par. 1. Bureau officers manual. — I have corrected your report now sure. You can still occupy the two rooms, but they must appear on your report as one room only, paying the same rent as at present. You are cautioned against numbering the vouchers you forward for use of this office, as they are required for our own reports. the number must be left blank.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Thomas Page
Lt Col & A.A.G.M.

NARA 3.1A

Bureau. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock, Ark
July 8. 1867

Lieut. 10

Col. Henry. Page
Bvt. Col. & A. A. G.

Receipt. for Sixteen
16, Dollars. Refugees
& Freedmens Funds

Little Rock July 10. 1867

NARA 311

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., Dcby 8th 1867.

Capt D. S. Taylor
Supt B R F & A L
Hamburg Ark

Capt.

Enclosed herewith please find receipts for sixteen (16) dollars, Refugees and Freedmens funds received from you this day.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servant
H. Clay Page
1st Lt 3d U S Cav & A A A G

NARA 319

No 7

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark
July 8. 1867

Col. Henry. Page
Bvt. Col A. Q. M

Enclosing Check for
on Merchants National
Bank. Little Rock for
$107.00/100

Rec'd July 12. 1867

NARA 313

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., Feby 8 1867.

Capt D S Taylor
Supt R R F & A Lands
Pine Bluff Arkansas.

Capt

Enclosed herewith please find my check No 165 on Merchants National Bank Little Rock Ark, for one hundred and twenty eight 28/100 dollars in payment of the following accounts. viz.

A. Lefèvre	9 21/100
" "	12.00
Jno Carroll.	12.33
S. B. Higgins	73 74/100.
	107.28

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt.
Thos Page
Bvt Colonel USA.

NARA 314

L R 84 # 67 = B R F & A L
No 7

Hamburg Ark
Jany 24th 1867.
Feby 7 - "

Taylor Lt A. S.
Supt.

In reply to letter directing him to have Dr K. G. Dickenson take the test oath and complete contract as Contract Surgeon at Hamburg states that Dr Dickenson cannot take the said oath.

R.F. & A.L. ARK. AND MISS. FEB 4 1867 B.R.F. & A.L. LITTLE ROCK

Bureau R. F. & A. Lds
For Ark & Indd Terr
Little Rock Ark
Feb 4th 1867

Respectfully referred to Bvt Lieut. Jos R. Smith, Surgeon U. S. A. Medical Director Department of the Arkansas, Little Rock, Ark
By command of
Bvt Maj. Genl Cook
Asst Commr

Henry Vogt
Bvt Col & A. Q. M.
A A A Genl.

E. 59 # 67.

Resply returned by Lt J. S. Taylor
The Surgeon General declines to approve contracts unaccompanied by oath of allegiance
E. B. # 70. Jos. R. Smith
Bvt Lieut & Surgeon USA
Med Dir Dept of the Ark

M D O.
Feb 7 '67

NARA 315

Office Supt R F and A L
Camburg Ark
Jan 24th 1867

Brvt Col Jas R Smith
Surgeon U S A
Med Director. Dept Ark
Little Rock Ark

Col in
reply to communication from your
Office directing me to have Dr A M
Dickerson take the test oath and com
plete Contract as Contract Surgeon at this
Station. I have the honor to state
that Dr Dickerson Can not take said
oath. Nor indeed is There a Surgeon
in the County That Can.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
A Taylor
Lieut 16th U S C Supt R F & A L

NARA 314

cl. no 12a

B. R. Fd A.L for
Missouri & Arkansas
Little Rock
July 18. 1867

Paym. Col. Henry
Capt & Chief Quartermaster

Acknowledging receipt
of returns of the month
of December to wit-
account Current-

NARA 317

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Little Rock Ark Dec 18 1866

Lieut L S Dayton
Supt B R F & A L

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt at this Office of the following Returns from you, for the Month of Nov *1866, To-wit:* Account Current

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Bvt Col

Wm Page
Capt. & Chief Quartermaster
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.

NARA 31A

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Little Rock Ark's January 18 1867

Lieut S. S Taylor
Supt BRFA&L.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt at this Office of the following Returns from you, for the Month of Dec 1866, To-wit: Account Current

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

But Col Wm Page
Capt. & Chief Quartermaster
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.

NARA 319

No. 13

B. R. F. & A. L. Jnr
Missouri & Arkansas
Little Rock July 19th/67

maj Sylvester Johnson. 1st Lieut
43 U. S. Infantry A.A.A.G.

Sir

Directing the Yellow
Boy Alfred Berry to
be arrested and sent
under guard to Little
Rock,

Respectfully

NARA 3PA

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Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,

Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., [illegible] 1867.

Lieut S. S. Taylor U. S. C.

Superintendent,

Hawesburg, Ark

Lieut,

The Asst Commissioner directs that you arrest the yellow boy who worked with Mr. Bond and who is concerned in the recent robbery of grain from the army wagon. He wishes the boy to be sent here under guards when you can do so, and retain him until this can be done or other orders are received.

I am very respectfully,

Your Obt Servt,

Jno Tyler

1st Lieut 4th U.S. Inftry

A. A. A. Genl.

NARA 321

No. 14

B. R. F. & A. L. from
Arkansas & Indian Territory
Little Rock July 21st/67

Tyler John 1st Lieut
43. U. S. Infty A. A. A. G.

Information of having
sent (20) Copies of
Circular No 5. Laurens
Series. With instructions
to send a Copy to the
Civil Magistrates in
the County

Lt Col & A. A. G.

NARA 322

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., February 21 1867

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day mailed to your address 20 copies of Circular No 5 Current Series. The Assistant Commissioner directs that you send a copy to the Civil magistrates in your district

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

Jno Tyler
1st Lieut & A.D.C. U.S. Army
A.A.A.G.

To
Lieut J. S. Taylor
Superintendent.
Hamburg Ark

W.D.P.

NARA 328

clo 15th

Hd Qrs Department
Off. C. Quartermaster
Little Rock Ac. Feby 28th/67

Montgomery. A. Col
Dept. Q. M. Genl

Enclosing. Draft duly
signed - for $30. in substi-
tution for one returned
on the 13th inst

[illegible]

NARA 324

Headquarters Department of the Arkansas,

Office Chief Quartermaster,

Little Rock. Ark. Feby. 28th 1867.

Lieut. S. S. Taylor
Supt. R. F. & A. Lands
A A 2 M
Hamburg Ark.

Lieutenant.

I enclose herewith a check duly signed for $50.00 in substitution for the one enclosed in your letter of the 13th inst.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servt

Lieut Colonel & Deputy Qr. Mr. Genl.

NARA 325

L.R. 31/67. B.R. & A.L.

Washington
March 4 – 67

Howard Maine D. C.

Sam'l B. Maxim. being appointed
Asst Clerk in the Bureau
of R. F. & A. L. and the oath
presented by Law. to be
filed in Office of Asst
Commissioner

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Rec'd 4. 4. 1867

NARA 3PA

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, March 4th 1867.

Mr Saml B. Wiggins, is hereby appointed a clerk in the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands in the State of Arkansas, at a salary of Seventy five (75) Dollars per month. This appointment is made under the provisions of "An Act to continue in force this Bureau", passed July 16. 1866., and will take effect January 1. 1867., and continue in force until revoked by orders from this Office.

The oath prescribed by law will be taken and filed in the office of the Assistant Commissioner of this Bureau for the State of Arkansas.

By order of

Major General O. O. Howard,

A. P. Ketchum

Bvt Lieut Col., A.A.A.G.

NARA 327

B. R. F. & A. Feb. 16.
Ft Gibson & Ind. Territory
Little Rock Ark 5th/67

Henry. Page
Brvt. Col. A. F. U. C.

I forward a requisition
for the necessary Blank
Books for the use
of offices

NARA 32A

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., March 5th 1867.

Sir

You will please forward to this office immediately a requisition for the necessary authorized blank books for the use of your office, which will be forwarded to you on receipt thereof.

Very respectfully
Your obt servt
Wm Page
Bvt Col & A Q M

Lieut O O Gantly
Jacksonport
Arkansas

NARA 329

B. R. F. & A. L. No 17
Asst. a Indian Country
Little Rock March 9th 67

Tyler. John.
1st Lieut. U.S. Inft. A.A.A.G.

Directing that Circular
30 - Series of 66. has not
been suspended
Agents to judge of the
necessity of retaining pris
oners in their districts
and to be the judges in
requesting some to arrest
Persons

NARA 39A

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., March 9. 1867

Circulars Letter
Sir:

I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to inform you that Circulars No 30 Series of 1866 from this office has not been suspended by any circulars recently issued.

The Military Commanders at Washington Camden and Batesville, are, however, as Supervising Agents of the Bureau, authorized to judge of the necessity for retaining prisoners arrested in their Districts, and when Agents request force with which to make arrests, they will, each in their respective District, be the judge of the necessity

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

M. Tyler.

1st Lieut 43d U. S. Infantry
A. A. A. G.

To Lieut J. S. Taylor
Agent
Hamburg Ark

NARA 331

B. R. F. & A. L. Ch. for 18
Asst. & Inclos. Transmy
Little Rock Mch 11. "/67

Henry. Page
Brvt. Col A. F. M. C

Receipt of Eleven 25/100
Dollars

NARA 997

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., March 11th 1867.

Lieut. A. S. Taylor
Supt. Bu of R.F.&A.L.
Hamburg Arkansas.

Lieut.

Enclosed herewith I have the honor to transmit triplicate receipts for Eleven Dollars 29/100 dollars being the amount forwarded by you in your communication of the 20th ult.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Henry Taylor
Bvt Lieut Col U.S.A.

NARA 383

B. R. F. & A. Lds (Civ) 17

Little Rock Mch 12th/67

Sir

I have the honor to
inform you that I am
Actg Asst Qr Mr at this
Station, and that I
have no funds with
which to pay the
Receipts Bills of the
Publishers, in duplicate
which I enclose herewith
for payment

Lt. John
Actg Asst Qr Mr

NARA 994

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

#146 Little Rock, Ark., March 12th 1867.

Circulas Letter,

Sir,

The Assistant Commissioner directs that you cause Circulas No 4, Current Series, to be published twice as an advertisement in the newspaper in your County having the largest circulation. Receipted bills of the publishers in duplicate, for this advertising, will be rendered direct to this office for payment, each bill accompanied with a copy of advertisement.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt Servt,

Jno. Taylor
1st Lieut 43 U.S. Infantry,
Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

To
Lieut J. S. Taylor
Agent, Bureau R. F. & L
Hamburg, Ark,

NARA 335

L. Rev. 24 "67. B.R. Fr. & L.

Little Rock Ark
March 14 "/67

Page. Col. Henry
A.G. Ark

Enclosed draft on
City National Bank New Orleans
for $88 75/100

Recd. 3 23 " 1867

NARA 336

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., March 1867.

Lieut S S Taylor
Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark.

Lieut

I have the honor to inclose herewith Draft on City Hall Bk. of New Orleans La. for Eighty eight & 70/100 Dollars in payment of the following vouchers &c

S B Higgins #750 25/100 & Keplin #10 00
T Hunter 5 00

January rents

Your obdt Servt
Wm Gage
Bvt Col & A.A.G.

NARA 337

E[illegible]. 21 " 67 " B. R. F. & A. L.

Little Rock Ark
March 15" 1867

Paye. Col. Henry
A. D. C.

Officers of Bureau are
cautioned of the importance
of stating explicitly on
the face of the voucher
for what purpose the
articles are purchased

Recd " 3 " 25 " 1867

NARA 33A

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark. March 15th 1867.

Circular Letter.

Officers of this Bureau who issue vouchers for the purchase of property are hereby cautioned of the importance of stating explicitly on the face of the voucher for what purpose the articles are purchased to enable the Department at Washington to charge the cost of the articles against the proper appropriation.

Very respectfully
Your obt servt
Wm Rogers
Bvt Lt Col & Agt A.

Lieut A. S. Taylor
Supt R. F. & A. Lands
Camden Arkansas

NARA 339

L R 26 " 67 " B. L. Ft A L

Little Rock
March 9th / 67

Styles. Lt A. A. G.
A. & R. all

Invoice of Two Horses
transfer'd to Sergt. Green
to return enclosed
receipt at earliest en
Vienna.

Reed " 3 " 23 " 1867

NARA 34A

Post Quartermasters Office
Little Rock Ark Mch 18th 64

Capt J. B. Taylor
15th Veteran Reserve Corps
Dep. R. & F. & A. G.

Sir

I have the honor
to transmit herewith invoices of 2 Horses this day
transferred by me to Sergeant Green, please sign
and return Enclosed receipts at your Earliest Con-
-venience

I Am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. S. Sayles
Lieut 28th U. S. Infty
A. A. Q. M.

NARA 341

L. B. " 25 " 6 " B. R. 7th Ark

Little Rock Ark
March 18" /67

Col Bowen Brt Col Lt. U
A. A. G.

Enclosed invoice and blank
Receipts of 2 cl. S. sent by
Sergt. Green Co I. 28"

Recd " 3 " 23 " 1867

NARA 347

Headquarters Department of the Arkansas,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Little Rock, Ark., March 18th 1867.

Lieut J. S. Taylor
15th U.S.C.T. Supt R.R.D. A.L.
Hamburg Ark

Lieutenant

I enclose herewith Invoices and Blank Receipts for 12 Mules transferred to you this day and sent in charge of Sergt Stephen Green Co "I" 28th U.S. Infty

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Lt. Colonel
Asst Q.M. U.S.A.

NARA 343

L. B. " 2 3 " 67 " B. R. F. & A. L.

Little Rock Ark
March 18 " / 67

Tobie, 1st Lieut. Geny 7th

Invoice ordnance stores turned over to Lieut Green for transportation. upon the arrival of the stores duly signed and returned receipt.

Recd 3 " 25 " 67.

NARA 344

Ordnance Depot,

Little Rock, Ark., March 12 1867.

1st Lt J. S. Taylor -
15th Regt Infty Recvg Capt.
Hamburg Ark.

SIR:

Herewith enclosed is an Invoice of Ordnance Stores, which I have this day turned over to ~~the~~ Lt. J. S. Taylor - 15th Inf't ~~*Quartermaster's Department*~~ *for transportation to your address.*

Upon the arrival of the Stores, please date, sign and return enclosed duplicate receipts.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient Servant

Capt. Tuttle
First Lieut 28th Inf
Actg Ordnance
Officer

NARA 345

L. B. " 22 " 67 " B. R. Fr. & L.

Little Book
March 18th/67

Page. Col Henry
A. D. C.

Return vouchers to abstract L for month of February
Expenses on Cond Prov
Fuel to be expended on
Abstract F.

Read, 3 " 23 " 1867

NARA 346

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., Mch 18 1867.

Lieut J. Taylor,
Supt R F & A L.
Hamburg Ark.

Lieutenant

I have the honor to return here with Vouchers & Abst L & Return of Stores Pertaining to Rat Rations for month of February 1867 on which is expended one cord of wood; Fuel is expended on Abstract F. Incloses I send voucher to Abst F which if you will sign and return to this office will be forwarded with your Returns.

I am very respectfully
your obd Servant
Henry Page
Lt Asst Q M
& Disb Officer
Ark

NARA 347

C. G. " 27 " 67 " D. R. F. & A. L.

Little Rock
March 18" / 67

Tyler. 1st Lieut Asst
A. A. A. Genl

Receipts of Monthly reports
for February having been
this day approved
directed that if the civil
authorities to take Cognizance
of the assault of Jones Force
to arrest the offenders and
and if the offence is proven
bind them to the next Circuit Court
Commanders for Confinement
Their forces apply to the
Commanding officer
Post of Pine Bluff

Recd " 3 " 25 " 1867

NARA 34A

Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,

Office of Assistant Commissioner,

#158.

Little Rock, Ark., March 11th 1867.

Lieut. S. S. Taylor, U.S.A.

Agent, Hamburg, Ark.

Lieut,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your monthly report for February, ultimo, and to inform you that having submitted it to the Assistant Commissioner it meets with his approval.

The Assistant Commissioner directs that if the Civil authorities fail to take cognizance of the assault committed upon James Ford, colored, you will arrest the offenders and cause a thorough investigation and if the offense is proven to send them under guard to the nearest Post Commander for confinement until they can be properly tried.

Application for force for this purpose should be made to the Commanding Officer Post of Pine Bluff who has orders in the case.

I am very respectfully,

Your Obt Servt.

Jno. Tyler.

1st Lieut 6th U.S. 26. S. Infantry.

Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

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Q. S. –

The Assistant Commissioner wishes in the investigation of this and in all like cases that the parties charged with the offence be furnished with due notice of the same, with the time of trial &c. so that they may be enabled to be ready with their witnesses to make a fair defence.

Jno. O. Tyler.
1st Lieut 43rd U. S. Infantry.
Acty Asst Adj't Genl.

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Bureau R. F. & A. Lands
For Arkansas & Ind. Territy
Quartermasters Drawing Office
Little Rock Ark
March 18th/67

L. R. 28 & 67 to B. R. F. & A. L.

Patterson No a

Returns papers pertaining to Return of 2 M Stores for February. For correction Directs that the return be made and forwarded in Triplicate

That affidavits of disinterested persons be taken in case of vouchers to Abstract L

Rec'd March 21st/67

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
March 26/67

Respectfully returned corrected as directed Would respectfully State That this return pertains to 2 M Stores. which I return for as A A 2 M. and has no connection with the Bureau. Sec 4 Par 2 Bureau Officers Manual does not (according to my reading) require this return to be forwarded in Triplicate. nor does the Revised Army Regulations. require more than duplicates. unless otherwise ordered. I shall continue to forward Triplicate believing That there must be other authority than the Sec & Par Alluded to. for this requirement.

NARA 351

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., Mch 18 1867.

Lieut R. S. Taylor
Supt R F & A L.
Hamburg Ark.

Lieut

I have the honor to return herewith, your Returns of Quartermaster's Property for month of February 1867.

The Returns must be forwarded in triplicate. one copy to be accompanied with the necessary Abstracts and vouchers. See Art 2. Chap 2. Bureau Officers Manual.

The requisitions set forth on vouchers (form No 45. Revd Army Regs) to abstract L. must be verified by the Affidavit of a disinterested person. - See Art 2. Chap 18. Bur Officers Manual.

I am very respectfully

Your obdt Servant
Henry Page
Bvt Col & A.A.G.
W. A. Patterson
Lieut & A.D.C.

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L. R. 27" 1867. B. R. F & A. L

Little Rock, Ark
March 21st/67

Tyler. 1st Lieut. John

Informs that agents of the Bureau to render such service, as consistent with there other duties in obtaining recruits for the 10 Regiment U. S. Cavalry (Colored), all recruits must be at least 5 feet 6 in high

give information [illegible] in through the Colored preachers that recruits are wanted

Rec'd 3. 28" 1867

NARA 353

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., March 21st 1867.

Circular Letter,

Sir,

I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to inform you that he wishes the Agents of the Bureau to render such service as they can, consistent with their other duties, in obtaining recruits for the 10th Regiment U. S. Cavalry (Colored). When it comes to the knowledge of any Agent that there are colored men suitable for, and desiring to enlist in, this regiment, he will at once report the facts by telegraph or letter to Capt J. H. Walsh, 10th U. S. Cavalry, Little Rock, Ark.

All recruits must be at least 5 feet 6 inches high. Capt. Walsh will soon furnish to the Agents a few posters giving all the terms of an enlistment. Any expenses incurred by telegraphing or otherwise, in obtaining recruits will be paid by Capt. Walsh.

Agents will inform the colored men

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through the medium of their breachers that recruits are wanted for this regiment and the manner of effecting an enlistment

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt Servt.

Jno. Tyler.
1st Lieut 49th C.V. U.S. Infantry,
Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

To
Lieut D. S. Taylor
Agent
Hamburg
Arkansas

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L.R 33. "67. B.R.F.&A.L.

Little. Rock Ark
April 4th 67

Crane. Joseph G
Brvt. Maj. Chf

Enclosed Circulars /
establishing the returns
to R.F. Arms returns
has not been change
since 1864. The future
address to Rocks hereafter

Rec'd 4—. 15— 1867

NARA 95A

Headquarters Department of the Arkansas,

OFFICE CHIEF COMMISSARY OF SUBSISTENCE,

Little Rock, Ark. April 4th 1867.

Lieut

Enclosed please find Circular No 1 dated Jany 11th 1866- Mar Dept R. R. F. & L. establishing the ratios & R. & F. The Army ration is has not been changed is 1864. In future address your communications to Vicksburg Miss.

Yours respectfully
Joseph. G. Brown
Bvt Major chf
C. S. 7th & 4th Mil Dist
for Nichols Ark

~~Lieut J. J. Taylor~~
A. C. S. R. F. & L.
Hamburg Ark.

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L.R. 34-"/67. R.R.T.W.A.L

Little Rock Ark
April 4"/67

Gen'l Ord. John.

Furnish Capt Barker such assistance in his attempts to secure the detection & arrest the Parties who attempted to assassinate him in Dec 1866

Recd 4-15- — 1867

NARA 95A

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

~~CLAIM~~ DIVISION.

Little Rock, Ark. April 4 1867

Capt J Taylor
Agent &c Hamburg,
Tennessee

Please furnish Capt Baker such assistance you can consistent with the duties of your office in his attempts to secure the detection and arrest of the parties who attempted to assassinate him in in June 1866-

Yours very respy
Your obt svt

Jno Eaton
Genl

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A. R. 35"/67 B. F. Tut. Le

Little. Rock. Ark
April 11"/67

Tyler / Tut John

Directed Assistant Com
missioner that this office
is in frequent receipt of
applications for clerkships
should at any time be
in need of a good clerk
request therefore much at-
tention

Ref. 4 — 22 — 1867

NARA 36A

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ~~MISSOURI,~~ ARKANSAS ~~AND INDIAN TERRITORY.~~
~~CLAIM DIVISION.~~

Little Rock, Ark., April 11th 1867

Circular Letter.

Sir

I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to inform you that this office is in frequent receipt of applications for clerkships from persons well qualified for the positions for which they apply, and if you should at any time be in need of a good clerk, request therefor may be made to this office and endeavors will be made to provide such.

I am very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt

J. R. Taylor
1st Lieut 43rd U. S. Infantry
actg. asst. adjt. Genl.

To
Lieut S. Taylor
Agent
Hamburg, Arkansas

NARA 361

Le R. 42/67. B.R. Fayal

Little Rock Ark
April 19th/69

Paymr Gen'l Col Flanagan

Enclosed receipt of
John. Wallace Post Master
for $83.53/100
Which has been taken
up at Ark. Bank
also $1.75/100 Commission payment
of S.B. Negroes A. Lefiles Vouchers

R.D. 5— 2— 1869

NARA 367

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., Apl 19 1867.

Lieut D. S Taylor
Agent R F & A L
Hamburg Ark

Lieut

Inclosed herewith I hand you your receipt for Eighty three $ dollars rec'd of John Wallace Postmaster which I have taken up at the Natl Bk of this city Also one ▽ for $10 each in payment of the following vouchers Viz.

S B Hussions # 7 ▽ Armand Lefevre # 10

Yours very respectfully
Jno A Clemens Agent
Henry Page
Asst Adjt Genl
By H. A. Patterson

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L. R. 36/67 B. R. 404

Little Rock.
Ark
April 22nd/67

Tyler / Foat John

Directions to make every
effort to ascertain the
Whereabouts of the named
children and report as
soon as practicable thereon
by bushwhackers from their
former owners John Henley
10 miles of Jefferson City
mo - as follows
Minnie - Lucy, Fannie
Spencer & Jim

Ref. 5 — 2 — 1867

NARA 364

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Arkansas.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Little Rock, Ark., April 22nd, 1867.

Circular Letter

Sir

I am instructed by the Assistant Commissioner to furnish you with the following extract from letter of Henry A. Bragg of Jefferson City, Mo. dated April 9, 1867, and direction that you make every effort to ascertain the whereabouts of the children and report as soon as practicable whether the children can be found:—

"My object in addressing you is to restore some children to their parents. In August, 1864, five children, black or nearly so were taken by bushwhackers from their then owner John Henby, living 16 miles from Jefferson City, Mo. They are supposed to have been taken to Arkansas. I give their names and approximate ages. They are well grown for their ages.

Girl Minnie about 14 or 15 years
" Lucy " 12 " 13 "
" Fannie " 11 " 12 "
Boy Spencer " 9 " 10 "
Tom, small boy, probably 5 to 7 years

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The first four children are sisters and brothers. Their father's name is Coleman, a black man over fifty years of age, and for a number of years employed as Porter at McCarty's Hotel in this place. The boy Tom is not of the same immediate family though taken from the same place and same owners at the time. Coleman is a very worthy old man.

I am very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt

Jno Tyler
1st Lieut 4th U.S. & 26 U.S. Infantry
Actg. Asst. Adjt. General.

To
Lieut D. S. Taylor
Agent
Kamburg
Arkansas

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L R 39"/67. B Ft del. L

Little Rock Ark
April 22"/67

Capt O. M. Walsh

That the four men
last up to enlist new
recruits. Nine of same
and none of them could
be enlisted
Parties under contract
for labor must not
be enlisted
Cant give any authority to
Contract for Subsistence for
Recruits. until Ordered D. of Ark;

Recd 5" 2 "/867

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Little Rock Arkansas
22nd April 1867

J. S. Taylor
1st Lt 15th U.S.C.T. Supt R. F. & A.L.
Dardanelle Ark.

Lieut — I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 15th inst. also to state that the four men you forwarded were received & examined and none of them could be enlisted. One was married — one underage one not up to standard height & another had an old dislocation of shoulder.

We can enlist no men who are not unmarried. 5 ft. 6 inches in height & 21 years of age.

Parties under contract for labor must not be enlisted.

I can not give you any authority to contract for subsistence of

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recruits until they have been examin-
-ed & passed by examining physician
If you can send sound unmarried
men 21 yrs of age & height 5 f 6 at Cast-
-pine Bluff I will pay their expen-
-ses from there.

I enclose ~~copies~~ blanks for
~~enlistments~~ & examination of recruits
& if there be an A Surgeon there
you can have him examine the
men & forward copies of enlistments
also & examination to this office.

If you have no Surgeon please return
the blanks

I am sir
Very Respy
Your Obt Servt
S N Nelson
Capt 20th U S Cavalry
Rcg Rec Officer

NARA 369

Recd Hamburg Ashley Co Ark Apr 5th
1867 of John G. Wallace Actg Past Master the Sum
of Eighty Three 53/100 dollars for the Mer Nat Bank of Little
Rock Ark. in payment of the Balance due
on S & Moore No. draft

J S Taylor
Lieut & Asst Supt R Fds Ark

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L.R. 37/67. B.R. 7 & 8 L.

Head Quarters
Camden S.C.
April 22nd/67

Wetherell. Charles
1 Lt. 28th U.S.I.

The detachment at Hamburg to be relieved by another of the same Strength & Composition. To start to day with four months rations. forage. & ca Instructing Sergeant Green in leaving Hamburg only take sufficient rations & forage to reach. Camden - request that to furnish affidavits to the loss of Horses belonging to the Detachment. The loss shall be replaced.

Recd 5th - 10 - 1867

NARA 371

Head Quarters Camden Ark's
April 26 th 1867

1st Lieut S. S. Taylor 15. U.S.C.
Agent of the Bureau of R.F.& A.L.
Hamburg Ark

Sir

The Comdg Officer directs that the Detachment from this Post now at your Station be relieved by another of the ~~same~~ same Strenght & Composition

Sergeant Tolson of Comp "K" 28th US Inf with one Corporal & Eight Privates have been detailed for this purpose and will start to day for your place provided with four months Rations & ammition & forage

The Detachment now there has been provided with Rations and forage to the 30th of June next and you will please to instruct Sergeant Green that he on leaving Hamburg only takes sufficient Rations & forage along to reach this post and to turn over the rest to Sergt Tolson

I am further directed by the Comdg Officer to request that you furnish me with the certificates or affidavits of the loss of Horses belonging to the Detachment there, as you

over

L.R. 37/67. B.R. 7 & 8

Head Quarters
Camden S.C.
April 26th/67

Wetherell. Charles
1st. 28th U.S.C.

The detachment at Hamburg to be relieved by another of the same strength & composition. To start to day with four months rations. forage & cer. Instructing Sergeant Green in leaving Hamburg only take sufficient rations & forage to reach. Camden - report that to furnish affidavits to the loss of Horses belonging to the Detachment. The loss shall be replaced.

Received 5th - 10 - 1867

Recently appointed. who owns no horses at present. the loss will be replaced. by three Commissioners, the

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Charles Wetherell
1st Lieut 28th U.S. Infty
Post Adjutant

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L. R. 38 / 67. B R Fd L

Head. Quarters
Clements Ark
April 26. / 67

Wetherell. Charles
/ Lt. 28. U.S.I.

Directs to inform Sergt
Green to return by land
And to bring along with
him both of the Teams
drawn in care by him and
Sergeant Folsom. Detach
ment & the saddles & harness
of the horses lent

Rec'd. 5 — 10 — 1867

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Head Quarters Camden Ark
April 26th 1864

1st Lieut S. L. Taylor 15th A.D.C
Agent Provost R. F. & A. L
Camburg Ark

Lt.

The Colonel commanding directs me to request that you will please to inform Sergeant Green to return by land and to bring along both of the teams now in use by his and Sergeant Folsons Detachment and the saddles & harnesses of the horses lost.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Charles H. Irwell
1st Lieut 28th Iowa Provost Dept.

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L. R. 43 / 67 B. R. Ind Ls

Head Quarters Bureau
Washington
April 29th 1867

Whittlesey. Maj. & A
Brvt. Brig. Genl

Referring to your account
of March 1867
Voucher No 1 Asst. S.
Reports Forage as
issued from hence
The Return shewing only
two. Public Animals
as on hand &c.
Explanation is required

Rec'd 5 - 13 - 67

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War Department,
BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, D.C., April 29th 1867.

Lieut D. S. Taylor
Actg Asst Q.M. Dept
Hamburg Ark
Lieutenant

Referring to your account of Q.M. Stores for month of March 1867 your attention is invited to the following remarks viz:

Voucher No 1. Abst "G" reports forage as issued to four public animals

The Return showing only two public animals, as on hand and received during the month, an explanation is required

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Thro
Bvt Col Henry Page
Asst Q.M. Dept Q.M.
Little Rock Ark

Henry McCulloch
Bvt Brig Genl and Chf Q.M.

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L. R. 40/69 BRFdtL

Camden Ats
Depnic 30th/69

Radet 3/Ec. 1 Lt. G. Pl
a a 2 M

Transmit invoices and
receipts of Subsistence Stores
transfered and Shipped on
Board Judge Fletcher
also invoices & Receipt of
2. cll. Stores to be given
& returns of Sig Mule
Wagon to be returned
and to return the Tarpaulin
in Receipt for the same
If wished to Keep it

Recd 3d — 2 — 1869

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Office A. A. G. M. & A. C. S.
Camden Arkansas
April 20th 1863

Lieut

I have the honor to transmit herewith Invoices and Receipts of Subsistence Stores transferred and shipped to you this day per Steamer Judge Fletcher, in conformity to the enclosed order, I also endorse invoices and receipts of D. M. Stores. You will please sign and return said receipts at your earliest convenience. I send a six mule wagon to haul these supplies from Marie Caline landing to Hamburg, which you will please send back with the detachment now at Hamburg. In February last when I forwarded your supplies, I sent a Sarpantine in charge of the Corporal to be brought back the report that you kept it. If so, please return it or enter it upon the endorsed Invoices and receipts if you wish to keep it.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
G. A. Radetzki;
Lieut 25th & Dy a. a. g. M.
& A. C. S. U.S.A

To
Lieut S. O. Taylor V.R.C
& Sup't R.F. & A.S.
Hamburg Ark

NARA 379

L. R. 41"/67. B R Fy. & L

Little Rock Ark
May 11"/67

Page Brst. Ql. Henry

Enclosed check No 463
receipt of which you
will please acknowledge
for $19 in payment of
the accts as follows

Henry Lee	$6.00
C Kittrell	3
B. F. Rice	10
	19

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Bureau R F & E Lands.

Little Rock Arkansas

May 11th 1867.

Lieut. L. S. Taylor

Agent. Bureau. R.F. & E.L.

Hamburg Arkansas

Lieut.

Enclosed please find my check No 403 on Merchants Nat'l Bank (receipt of which you will please acknowledge) for (19) nineteen dollars in payment of account as follows.

Henry Lee.	$6.00
C. Kettells	$3.00
B. D. Rice	$10.00

Very respectfully

Your Obt servt.

Henry Page

Bolivar Miss

NARA 381

L. R. 49.”/67 B.R. Fr. & L.

Little Rock Ark
May 13”/67

Bennett, 1st John. Co.
28” U.S.I.

The asst Commissioner directs that rolls to do Citizens should as far as practicable furnish the Land Transportation for there provision

Land Transportation will probably be required from Pine Bluff on Ark. River to your station.

you will report whether Transportation can be furnished as prescribed

Rec’d. 5— 20 — 1867

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Arkansas.

#64

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Little Rock, Ark., May 13th, 1867.

Lieut D. S. Taylor.

Agent.

Hamburg. Arkansas.

Lieut.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of 2d May 6th. 1867. addressed to Brevet Colonel Henry Page, Chief Quartermaster, in regard to transportation of supplies for destitute persons in your District. The Assistant Commissioner directs me to state that if it is desirable that well to do citizens should, as far as practicable, furnish the land transportation for these provisions. The Government by furnishing them, relieves the people of doing so. All charitably disposed citizens having teams at this disposal, cheerfully will not refuse to allow them to be used to save a starving neighbor from suffering or death.

Land transportation will probably be required from Pine Bluff on the Arkansas River to your place. You will report at the very earliest oppor-

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tunity whether the transportation can be furnished as proposed.

I am very respectfully
Yours Obt Servt

Jno A Pennock
Capt 28th U.S. Infantry
Actg. Asst. Adjt. General

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L. R. 44 "61. B. R. Fr. & L.

Little Rock. Ark
May 14th 1867

Bunnell. 1st Lt John E

Wishes you to ascertain and report to this Office the best point to ship a small amt of supplies from Helena for your District.

(2) 5 — 20 - 1867

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Arkansas.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

67. Little Rock, Ark., May 14th, 1867.

Lieut J. S. Taylor,

Agent,

Hamburg, Ark,

Lieutenant,

I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to inform you that he wishes you to ascertain and report to this office the best point to ship a small amount of supplies from Helena for your district.

I am very respectfully,

Your Obt Servt,

J. E. Pinnell

1st Lieut. 28th U.S. Infantry,

Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

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L.R. 4c "67 B R F & A L

Little Rock, Ark
May 14" /67

Bennett. / Ft John. E.

Directs that you will not enlist any Freedmen who are under contracts unless Consent of both Parties

Rec'd 5 - 20 - 1867

NARA 387

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Arkansas.

Office of Assistant Commissioner,

66. Little Rock, Ark., May 14th, 1867.

Lieut. J. S. Taylor,

Agent.

Hamburg, Ark.

Lieutenant,

The Assistant Commissioner directs that you will not enlist any freedmen who are under contract unless by mutual consent of both parties.

I am very respectfully,

Your Obt Servt.

W. E. Pamuk

1st Lieut. 28th U. S. Infantry,

Acting Asst Adjt Genl.

NARA 3AA

L. R. 48"/67 B. R. & V. 42

Little Rock Ark
May 13"/67

Capt Bost. Ch. Henry

Return of Ord. Stores
for the month of April
1867 for Correction
& Obstruct. & shows the issue
of forage to 4 animals
While the return shows
but two. The proper
remarks must be made
showing why the number of
animals issued exceed
the number borne on returns.

Recd. 5-20-1867

NARA 389

Bureau Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Land
For Subdistrict of Arkansas
Littlerock Arkansas May 13th 1867

To
Lieut - D S Taylor
Supt R. F. & L
Lieut -

Enclosed herewith please find
Your Return of 2 M Stores for the month of April
1867 Returned for correction.

Abstract - G shows the issue of Forage to 4 animals while the return shows but two.
On the face of the statement of Forage Issued. the proper remark must be made showing why the number of animals is raised to exceed the number borne on return

Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Henry Page
Bvt Col & A Q M

NARA 3.9A

L. R. 5th "/67. B.R. Ford & Co

Little Rock Ark
May 29 "/67

Bennett. 1 Lt John E
Acl. art. asst. Gmr

Permission has been given
the Carpenter Fellin. Robin
son and nine Laborers (Colrd)
to remain in Jefferson
County.
Directed to take charge
of Steam Tug Mabel now
in Arkansas County Supply
them immediate wants
and forward them to
Fort Smith via Pine
Bluff.

Recd. 6 " 6 " — 1867

NARA 391

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
For Arkansas.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

* 84 Little Rock, Ark., May 20th, 1867.

Lieut. J. S. Taylor,

Agent,

Hamburg Ark.

Lieutenant,

Permission has been given Abe Carpenter, Willis Robinson and Viney Jackson (colored) late of Ashley County to remain in Jefferson County. These are some of the witnesses lately subpoened by Lieut. Geiereites in the Barkes and Ralfe case. This families are still at Hamburg or vicinity, consisting of the wife of Abe Carpenter, an old man named Billy Christian, living with Willis Robinson and seven children.

I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to instruct you to take charge of the above named persons, supply their immediate wants, and to forward them to Lieut. Geiereites at Pine Bluff as the

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earliest opportunity, who will give you all the information you may need as to the whereabouts of the first named parties.

I am very respectfully,

Your Obt Servt.

[redacted] V. D. Smith

1st Lt 28th U. S. Infantry,

Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

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earliest opportunity, who will give you all the information you may need as to the whereabouts of the first named parties.

I am very respectfully,

Your Obt Servt.

John E Smith

1st Lt 28th U. S. Infantry,

Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

NARA 393

L. R. 54"/67. R & A L

Washing D C
May 28"/67

Whittlesey. E
A. A inspector General

Sir
To Call your attention
to Circular No 11 April 3"/67
Thus full and accurate rep
orts be made promptly.
Every officer & agent empl
oyed in distributing Supplies
should take receipts & forward
to this office. To make Sepa
rate Property returns distingu
ishing them & the proceeds of Freed
Refugee Funds, forward report
for the month of April.
In each Monthly report
give the number of White &
Colored Blanks Persons relieved

Rec'd 6-20-1867

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War Department.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands

Washington D.C. May 28th 1867.

Col. C. H. Smith

Assistant Commissioner

Arkansas

Colonel,

I am directed by Major General O.O. Howard Commissioner, to call your attention to Circulars No. 11, April 3, 1867, and especially to the "instructions as to returns".

It is necessary that full and accurate reports be made promptly in accordance with those rules. The ~~Assistant~~ Commissioner will be required to furnish to Congress a detailed report of the expenditure of this Special Fund of $ 3-00,000. He will therefore hold the Assistant Commissioners to a strict account. Every Officer and Agent employed in distributing sup-

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plies, should take receipts from persons relieved, and forward copies of the same to this office, See. Par. 3, of instructions as to returns, Circular 11,

Each Officer accountable for Commy Stores purchased by this fund, will make separate property returns, distinguishing them by the words Special Relief Fund,

Money accounts of Disbursing Officers need not be kept distinct but every estimate or draft on the Chief Disbursing Officer for any part of this fund should be defined in same manner,

But any imperfect reports of the distribution of supplies in April have been made. You will please forward your report for that month at once. If no Relief was furnished to the destitute out of the Special Relief Fund in April, You will report accordingly

In each consolidated Monthly report you will also give the number of white and the number of colored persons relieved, in separate Columns.

Very respectfully
(Sd) E. Whittlesey
A. A. Insptr. General

Official copy respectfully furnished for the information and guidance of Lieut. D. S. Taylor, Agent Hamburg. The provisions of this Circular will be strictly complied with.

By command of
Brevet Brigadier General C. H. Smith
Assistant Commissioner

Wm P. Smith
1st Lieut. 28th U. S. Infantry
Actg. Asst. Adjt. General

Little Rock Ark.
June. 14th 1867.

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L. R. 371 D.A.G. Ark. 1867

Hamburg Ark
May 20 1867
Inclosure

Taylor Lieut I. S.
Agent.

Forwards bills in duplicate for publishing Circulars No 7. twice in the Ashley County Times.
2 Enclosures.

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Bureau R. F. & A. Ls.
Ass Assistant Ac.
Little Rock, Ark.
June 1. 1867.

Respectfully returned to Lieut I. S. Taylor, Agent at Hamburg for correction. Vouchers for printing must be made in duplicate on the enclosed form and be accompanied by duplicate specimens of work done and the original bill as rendered by the publishers.

By command of
Bvt Brig. Genl C. H. Smith
Asst Commissioner.

Jno O Smith
1st Lieut 28th U. S. Infantry
Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

C. 261. 6th

Recd

NARA 397

Office Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark
May 20th/67

Brvt Brig'd Genl John E Bennett
Supt U S Supl Dept Ofc R F & A L
Little Rock Ark

Sir

Pursuance with instructions contained in letter from your office dated March 12th 1867 directing that Circular No 7 C. S. be published twice in the newspaper having the largest Circulation in the county I have the honor to forward as therein directed duplicate receipted Bills. with duplicate Copies of the Mrk. for payment.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
A. Taylor
Lieut 15th U S C Supt R F
& A L

NARA 39A

Hdqrs Camden Depot
May 30th 67

Taylor P.S. 9th Dist NC

Makes request to have Horse returned to him at this Post of Camden if practicable.

Head Quarters Camden Depot
June 8th 1867

Respectfully Returned your Horse is at this Post and will be returned when practicable

By Command of
Capt P.A. Tomlinson A.A.G.
Charles McIntire
1st Lt 98th Inf Post Adjt.

E.6. R. Fgd L. p. 1. # 3.

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Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Hamburg Ark
May 30th 1867

Capt 28th U.S.I
Camden Ark

Sir When
Wm G Roff was arrested here and
sent to your post I sent with
him Mr E G Barkers chay
and horse & equipments. Please
inform me if this horse
is at your post. & if so be
kind enough if practicable to
send him to me.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
D S Taylor
Supt 15-2 AC Supt R.F. & A.L

NARA 4AA

L.R. 52"/67. B.R. Fr. & L

Pine Bluff Ark
June 5"/67

Reinecker Lieut. S.
Agt. B R F & A L

Instructed by asst. Commissioner to take charge of the wife of the Carpenter old uncle Billy and the children of Binny & Phillis and send them to this point at the earliest opportunity.
Tell Mr Fiske & Lawrence the case has been referred to Gen Ord they will be duly advised as soon as the Papers come back

Recd. 6 - 10 - 1867

NARA 4A1

B. R. I. & A. R.

Pine Bluff Ark. June 4th 1867

Lieut. J. J. Taylor
Agent B. R. I. & A. R.
Hamburg Ark.

Lieut:

The Asst. Comr. informs me that you have been instructed by him to take charge of the wife of Abe Carpenter, old Uncle Billy and the children of Viney & Silas and send them to this point at your earliest opportunity. The parents of those children are very uneasy and apply to me almost daily for further information concerning them & I should be pleased to see them here as soon as possible. Please tell Mr. Jessie Silas and also Mr. Canaan that I have enquired for instruction relative to the pass & travelling allowance for the time they were necessarily absent from home The case has been referred to Genl Gibbs & I will be duly advised as soon as the papers come back from Vicksburg. It will probably be a week or two before

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papers will reach here when I purpose to leave no time in settling the account. Please write to me & greatly oblige

Very respectfully
Your obed't Serv't.
S. Seixueta
Lieut & Agt B.C. Ford

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L R 401, O. A. G. Ark 1867

Hamburg Ark
April 27. 1867
Rec'd May 4th "

Taylor Lieut U. S.
Agent.

Frauds

Affidavit of D. M Grant.
in case of the murder of
Bud Johnson, a union man,
in the spring of 1865, by one
Wilson, in company with
two men named Jones and
Myers.

1 Enclosure.

Bureau R F and A. L.
For Arkansas
Little Rock, Ark
June 4th, 1867.

Respectfully returned. If,
after a full investigation,
the Agent of Hamburg believes
the case can be sustained
before a Military Commis-
sion, as per enclosed affidavit
he will cause the accused
to be arrested. If he needs
assistance to effect the arrest
he will apply to the nearest
Military Post according to
provisions of Circular No. 30
1866 ac., and this papers
with names of other wit
nesses and such other in-
formation as may be obtain
ed, will be forwarded to
this Office.

By command of
Bt Brig Gen C. H. Smith
Asst Commissioner

Jno E Bennett
1st Lieut 28th U.S. Infantry
Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

E. 269-270, 67

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L. R 53"/67. B. R. F. & L.

Little Rock Ark
June 4"/69

Bennett. 1 Lieut John E
Act. Ast. Q.M. Gen

One Months Supplies
have been furnished
Merrie. Salmi. In the
District of Ashley County
the necessary returns as
provided for in Circular 11
Blanks for which will be
forwarded

Recd. 6 - 13 - 1869

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
For Arkansas.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

#100 Little Rock, Ark., June 4th, 1867.

Lieut. A. S. Taylor.

Agent. Hamburg. Ark.

Lieutenant.

I have the honor to inform you that one months supplies for the destitute of your county have been forwarded to your care of Marie Saline. You will make immediate arrangements to have these supplies properly taken care of upon their arrival at that point. The necessary returns as provided for in Circulars No 11, blanks for which will be forwarded with the supplies from Helena, will be made promptly. Should you not receive the blanks with the supplies you will immediately make a requisition on Lt Colonel Henry Page. Chief Quartermaster. who will furnish the same.

I am very respectfully.

Your Obt Servt.

W. E. Bunch

1st Lieut. 28th U. S. Infantry.

Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

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State of Arkansas
County of Ashley } S.S.

Personally appeared before me ~~D. D. Taylor Clerk of A.R.C. Supt. B.R.F. & L.~~ D. R. Grant being duly sworn the truth to speak deposes and says; that in the spring of 1865 a party of desperadoes by the name of Wilson James + Myers accompanied by Blackburn and Harris brought Burl Johnson George Kelly and Wm Barnard to my house on Bayou Bartholomew Ashley county Ark in the night claiming them to be prisoners and treating all sorts of violence Johnson + Kelly were Union men and refused to assist the Southern Confederacy during the war During the night I was awake by the report of a gun and Wilson came in and said by God I mean Johnson will not get away now one of his comrade replied why you have not killed him have you Wilson replied yes by God I killed him dead as hell Johnson was shot in the back of the head and appeared to have been searched and his money gone Wilsons general reputation is that of a Missouri desperado who was

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prowling around through this county
committing robberies and other acts of violence
on the persons of peaceable citizens

Wilson main lines in Ashley County
& Stat of Arkansas }

D H Grant

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 27 day of April 1867

L S Taylor
1st Lieut 8th Regt U S A C

NARA 4-A-A

L. R 60"/67 R. Fort A L

Helena. Arks
June 7"/67

Sweeney. Brt. Mag. H
A C S

Enclosed herewith, Invoices and receipts for 1352 ℔ B'd. cart 9500 ℔ corn. Will you please sign & return at your convenience the duplicate receipts & one copy of receipt no 1 have not the necessary Blanks. Which to issue them supplies

Received 6-20-1867

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Bureau R. F. & A. L. Office A. G. S.
Helena. Ark's. June 7th. 1867.

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Lieut. J. S. Taylor.
Agent R. F. & A. L.
Saline Ldg. Ark's.

Lieutenant:

Enclosed herewith I have the honor to transmit Invoices and Receipts for 1356# Bacon and 9800# Corn (170 Bu.) turned over yesterday for shipment to you.

You will please sign and return, at your earliest convenience the duplicates "Receipt for Subsistence Stores", and one copy of receipt "No 1."

I have not the necessary blanks needed by you ~~for~~ on which to issue these supplies.

I am, Lieut.
Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
H. Rosencry.
Lt. Maj. Vols. and A.C.S.

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L. R: 53-"/67. B R F & L

Little Rock Ark

June 10"/69

Page. Bvt. Col. Henry

Enclose herewith Check
No 465. on Merchants Bank
of Little Rock. for $85-
Payment of vouchers
of D. B. Higgins - $75.
A. Lefils . . . 10

Recd 6.17 — 1867.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., June 10th, 1867.

Lieut S. S. Taylor.
Agt A. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark.

Lieutenant

I have the honor to inclose herewith Ck No 4600 on Merch Nat'l Bank of this City payable to your order for Fifty five dollars. in payment of the following vouchers, viz:
S. O. Virginia #75 & Leflise #10. = $65.00

I am very respectfully
your obdt servant
Wm Pegg
Qr Master Sergt

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L.R. 54 "67 - B.R. F & A.L.

Office A.C.S.
Camden Arkansas
June 10th 1867.

Radetzki 1st Lt. 7th Inf. A.C.S.

Transmits Invoices & Receipts of Subsistence sent this day by Steamer Judge Fletcher

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Rec'd. 6 — 18 — 1867

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Office A. C. S.
Camden Arkansas
June 10th 1867

Lieutenant

I have the honor to Transmit herewith Invoices and Receipts of Subsistence Stores sent you to day per Steamer "Judge Fletcher". Please sign and return Receipts at your earliest convenience

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Svt
G. A. Radetzki
Lieut 2d Infantry
A. C. S. U. S. A.

Lieut D. S. Taylor
15 U. R. C. Supt
B R F & A. L. at
Hamburg
Arkansas

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L. R. 58 "/67. BRFdA

Little Rock Ark
June 13 "/67

Capt Bvt. Col Henry
A. Q. M

All purchases must be made on the first of each month the vouchers therefor accompanied by receipts for the property. Must be forwarded to this office on or before the 15th day of each month to enable the officer accounting for the Property.

Recd 6-20-1867

NARA 415

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark. June 13th, 1867.

Circular Letter.

Sir.

The attention of all agents of this Bureau making purchases under the provisions of Circular dated office Asst Comr B R F & A L Little Rock Ark'a May 20th 1867 is called to the urgent necessity of promptness in the transmission of their purchase vouchers. All purchases must be made on the first of each month. the vouchers therefor accompanied by receipts for the property so purchased, must be forwarded to this office on or before the 15th day of each month to enable the officer accounting for the property to forward his returns within the time prescribed by law.

Immediately upon their receipt Duplicates will be returned,

Very respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Wm Rogers

Bvt Lieut Colonel

Capt W C Saylor

Asst Comr Kansas Arkansas

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L. R. & G. Ry. Co. A. G. Ark. 1867

Hamburg Ark.

June 13th 1867.
" -21- "

Taylor. Lieut S. S.
Agent.

Asks information in regard to Counties to colored soldiers under Act of Congress approved July 28th 1866.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Dist Arkansas
Little Rock Ark.
June 21st 1867

Respectfully returned to Lieut S. S. Taylor, Agent, with the desired information enclosed. Blanks forms for making applications for the bounty provided by the Act of Congress of July 28th 1866, will be furnished on applications to this office.
By command of
Bt Brig Genl C. H. Smith
Asst Commissioner.

Jno. E. Bennett
1st Lieut 28th U.S. Infantry,
Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

C. 361 1867.

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Office Supt B F & A L
Wamburg Ark
June 15th 1867

Lieut John P Bennett
A. A. Adjt Genl
Little Rock Ark

Lieut

I have the honor to respectfully request information as to the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 28 1866 relation to Bounties to Colored Soldiers

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J S Taylor
1 Lieut. 15. Ohio. Supt. B F & A L

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Washington D.C.
June 18, 1867.

Gen. O. O. Howard
Commissioner

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[Form 9.]

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, June 18th 1867.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to transmit herewith

~~copies each of General Orders, Commissioner Bureau R., F., and A. L., Nos.~~

~~Also,~~ one copies each of Circulars, Commissioner Bureau R., F., and A. L., Nos. 20. 1867.

the receipt of which you will promptly acknowledge, by signing and returning the accompanying letter.

You will be held responsible for the distribution of Orders to officers serving under your direction.

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Bvt. Brig.-Gen. and Chief Q. M.,
Bureau R., F., and A.L.

To Lieut John S. Taylor
U. S. A. B. M.
Stamburg, Ark.

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L.R. 167 "67. R F & A L

Little Rock. Ark

July 21 / 67

Bennett. Lt John. C.
38" U S. Inft.

Direct that you forward
to this office without de
lay the reports for the
Month of May & June
The Number of Adults: White
" " " Do Coloured
" " " Children White
" " " Do Coloured
The whole number issued
To during the Month.
The reports must be full
& explicit and be forwarded
without delay —

Rec'd. 7. 18. 1867

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Arkansas.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

#128. Little Rock, Ark., June 1st, 1867.

Lieut. D. S. Taylor,

Agent,

Hamburg, Ark's,

Lieutenant,

The Assistant Commissioner directs that you forward to this office without delay the following reports, viz:—

The amount of provisions received for distribution to destitute persons as provided by Circular No. 11 War Department, Bureau R. F. & A. L. during the month of May.

The number of Adults (white) issued to during the month of May.

The number of Children (white) issued to during the month of May.

The number of Adults (colored) issued to during the month of May.

The number of Children (colored) issued to during the month of May.

The whole number of persons issued to during the month of May, and

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The gross amount issued during the month of May, and,

The amount on hand June 1. 1864.

You will also make the same reports on separate sheets for the month of June reporting the amount on hand per last report as the starting point.

The reports must be full and explicit and be forwarded without delay

I am very respectfully,

Your Obt Servt.

Jno O Smith

1st Lieut. 28th U S. Infantry.

Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

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Ltr R 175 "67 R F & A L

Washington DC

Aug 6" 1867

Whitney. Gen H. dl
Brt. Brig. Gen

Informed that offices
Communications for
this office should be
addressed to Maj. Genl
O O Howard. Comr
B R F & A L. and in
the margin marked
for Chief Q. dl Carter

Recd Aug 28 "/67

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War Department,
BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Washington, D. C. July 6 1867.

Sir,

You are respectfully informed that official communications from this Office should be directed to Major General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, B.R.F.&A.L., and in the margin marked "For Chief Quartermaster"-

The practice of addressing the Staff Officer direct involves a large and unnecessary outlay for postage. On one communication received from you to-day the charge for postage was (9) nine cents.

By command of
Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Commissioner
Thos. M. Vincent
Brevet Maj. Gen. U.S.A. B.R.F.&A.L.

Lt. J. Taylor
Agent B.R.F.&A.L.
Hamburg, Ark

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E R 172/67 R. Fr. & L

Little Rock
Ark
July 11th/67

Page, Brvt Col Henry
a 2 cl

Enclosed Draft on
Cy. Nat. Bank of New
Orleans, La. for $85-00/100
in payment of Vouchers
Armand Lefils . . . $10
S B Wiggins . . . 75
Issues for June 1867

Recd. 7·21"—67

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark., July 11th, 1867.

Lieut J Taylor.

Actg A.A.Q.M.

Hamburg Ark

Lieut

Inclosed herewith find Draft on City Bank Bank of New Orleans La payable to your order for $85.00 in payment of the following vouchers viz.

J B Wiggins $70 Armand Lefebre $10

Services for June 1867

Very respy

Your obdt Servt

F Rump Capt

A.A.Q.M.

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L R. 170"/67. R Fr & L

Camden Ark
July 15" 1867

Radetzka Lieut G. M
a a g. m

Corporal Robinson left
this Post this morning
in charge of Two Horses
for Hamburg -

Rec'd. 7. 18 on 1867

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Office A. A. Q. M.
Camden Arkansas
July 15th 1867

Lieut S. S. Taylor
V. R. C. & Supt F. R. & A. L.
Lieut

Corporal Robinson left this post this morning, in charge of two Horses for Stenburg. They are furnished to include the 18th inst.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

(Signed) G. H. Radetzki
Lieut 28th Infty
A A Q M

R. P. 31 154-55

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L R 171 "/67 D F & L # 2

Camden Ark
July 15"/67

Wetherell. Lieut & C. S
Post. adjutant

States that Corporal
Robinson has been de-
tained at this Post
on account of the condition
of the Horse. another
Horse is sent in his place
With forage to last until
the 19th inst

Recd. 7. 18" 1867

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Head Quarters Camden Arkansas
July 15th 1867.

Capt A. S. Taylor U.S.A.
Asst A.A.G. & A.S.
Hamburg Ark

Sir.

In reply to your communication of July 9th 1867 I will state, that Corporal Robinson has been detained at this post, on account of the dying condition of the horse for which he was sent. He is unable to get and of the Corral so another is sent in his place. They are foraged to include the 18th inst. The horse sent you is a better horse than the one belonging to you.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Charles Mitchell
Brvt 2d Lieut
Post Adjutant

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S.O. 173 "/67 A.A.A.G.L.

Letter Book A.A.G.

July 16 "/67

Page Brvt. Col Henry
a D.M.

Directs to forward
a list of Quarter Masters
Property to which you
were responsible on the
30th of June 1867.
Showing the condition
of the articles. Whether
Serviceable or Unserviceable
Also such as are no longer
required for use in Bureau

Received 7-21-67

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., July 16, 1867.

Lieut D. S. Taylor
Asst B R F & A L
Hamburg Ark

Lieut

You will forward to this office at your earliest convenience, a list of Quartermasters Property for which you were responsible on the 30th June 1867, showing the condition of the several articles; whether Serviceable, unserviceable or worthless. also such as are no longer required for use in this Bureau.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Henry Page
Bvt Col & A A G M

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L.R. 176 "/67 K Scott

Monticello Ark

August 6"/67

L. Cahier

NARA 434

Office A. A. Q. M.

Monticello Ark. Augst 6/1867.

Sergeant Commy. Dept.

2d U.S. Cavly.

Hamburg.

The Quartermaster directs me to inform you, that the forage you receive by this team is for this month & two of the sacks of oats belong to Lieut Taylor, in place of two he sent to this post at our arrival which makes 10 Sacks of grain for the six horses.

Please return 10 empty Grain Sacks if you have them as we are accountable for the same & hope the month for claiming the same afterwards.

Very Respectfully &c.

Sigfried Cahn

Actg Asst Qr Mr & Depy.

NARA 495

L. R. 176 "/67. B. & V. & L.

Camden S.C.
August 7th/67

Abbeville Aug. 7.
2 P.M. 28 U.S.D.
Act Post agents

A Correct Copy of Special
Order No. 162 dulive
A. A. Gen Camden S.C.
July 30. 1867. Enclosure
herein.

Recd, 8— 17"/67

NARA 43A

Camden Ark Aug 7th 1867

Agent F. Tarrow
Hamburg Ark

Sir:

I respectfully transmit herewith a corrected Copy of Spec. Order No 162 dated Hd Qrs Camden Ark July 30th 1867

Your Obt Servt
Asa T Abbott
2d Lt 28th U.S. Infty.
Act. Asst Adjt

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Le. R. 1795/67. A. Ins. & Lo

Little Rock
Ark
August 10th/67

Lieut. P. S. Taylor
15th Inf.

Enclosed contract for
School to the Refugee
Is seven $25- per month
& Board. and as much
more as can be had
and a Teacher, Certain
and forward the papers
to E. E. Miller Asst.
of Schools. B. R. & F. A. Lo
Little Rock.

Rec'd 8-15-67

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Little Rock Ark
Aug 10th 1867

Mr S B Wiggins

I enclose you a form of contract for schools. Which I desire you to give to Mr Kattenall & have him cause the Trustmen on his place to sign & fill up. Say to Mr Kattenall he will get 25 dollars & Board Rec'ed. on the enclosed paper per month That a teacher will be sent him. Certainly urge him to have it done & Procure the teacher at once by forwarding the paper to E R Miller Supt of Schools Bann R F & A L Little Rock with the amount required Pledged on it.

Before Sending the papers to

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to Mr Ratterell make a copy of it & retain it in the office. If you can get other schools on similar terms do so.

Say to Mr Ratterall that he need have no doubt about the school if the amount per month is secured.

I have the honor to be
Yr Taylor
Supt Ind Res

Get as much more than 25 dollars per month pledged as possible as it is desirable to have the Freedmen come as near as possible to supporting their own schools.

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L R. 175 "/67 R Fort L

Camden Ark
Augst 14/67

Radetzki Lit & H
A. C. S.

Enclosed Invoice and Receipts of Subsistence Stores. by Special order No 178) The Stores are sent to Memphis Tenn. Lely. from which place you can have them transported as heretofore In future keep me informed as to State of Supplies

Rec'd 8"/19"/67

NARA 441

Office U. S. Q. S.
Camden Ark's
Aug 14th 1863

Lieut. J. S. Taylor
A. R. C. Supt. A. R. & A. L.
Hamburg Arkansas

Sir

Inclosed please find Invoices and Receipts for Sub Stores, sent, per enclosed order, based on a statement sent from Sergt McLean, Co E. 28th N.J. Inf. on duty with detachment at Hamburg, that the rations at that place would be exhausted by the 21st inst.

The stores are sent to Wan's Bahn Landing, from which place, You can have them transported as heretofore. In future you will please keep me informed as to the ~~state~~ of your supplies, as it is expected to keep a sufficient quantity for three or more

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Months on hand at that Post.

I enclose herewith a receipt from the boat, Pioneer, for the safe delivery of the Stores at Mauvais Salins Lake. Please inform me of their arrival and return receipt at your earliest convenience

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
G. H. Radetzki,
Lieut 28th Inf.
A. C. S.

P. S.

Corporal Gen. Moffitt Co D goes from this Post in charge of the Stores. You will please see that he gets back as soon as possible, by boat.

G H. R

NARA 449

L R. 178 "/67. R Hdqt's

Warren Co Ala.
August 30th 1867

Black Citizens
Freedmen

If My Sister and
at David Jones
in this County they
are bound to him
I wish possession
of them as they
are dissatisfied

Rec'd 8-17-67

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Woman Ass't Aug 1 67

Capt Taylor

Agent for Freedmen at
Hamburg—

Sir I do by this letter ask for Jacob Jones in the Southern District of this County.
He has been bound to him.
Please see if I can obtain the Papers of him by Law.

He are not satisfied to live with him.

Respectfully

Delany Black
Freedmen

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L R. 183.1867 BRFdAL

Little Rock Ark
Dec 8" /67

Sage Bvt. Col. Henry

Enclosed copy of communication of Lt Bullock Chief O & B. R F & L,
Directs Transfer on form 53. Bill D Rec'd Reps - all Persons & Articles hired in this District & also will be reported by me and vouchers sent for signature on the return of which checks for the amount will be sent - No report Form 2 will hereafter be required

Rec'd 10-13 " — 1867

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct 8th, 1867.

Lieut J. S Taylor.
agt &c. Hamburg ark's

Lieutenant

Enclosed please find copy of communication of Gen Balloch. Chief DO B.R.F. & A.L. In compliance therewith the asst Comr. directs that you immediately transfer to me on Form 53 QMD Rec Army Reg all Persons & articles now borne on your Form 2 to date from Oct 1st 1867 with no pay due.

Hereafter the services of all Persons & articles found in this District of ark's will be reported by me, & vouchers sent from this office for signature on the return of which properly receipted check for the amt will be sent to your address in payment of the same, No report Form 2 will hereafter be required from your office, but any changes must be promptly reported to this office, as soon as made, that my report may be promptly and correctly made and forwarded to the Chief DO Bureau R.F. & A.L.

I am Lieut

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Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Wm Page
S A & I G.

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War Department.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

~~FOR ARKANSAS.~~

Chief ~~QUARTERMASTER'S AND~~ DISBURSING OFFICE.

Washington DC ~~Little Rock, Ark.~~, Sept 27th, 1867.

Bt Col H. Page USA.

Little Rock Ark.

Col.

Your Report of Persons & Articles issued
to ab Lewisburg Ark for Aug 1867 has been received
Hereafter you will please furnish the consolidated monthly reports. Separate reports should in your District & this course in lieu of the reports from the several sub districts that you have heretofore transmitted

Very respy
Your obt Servt.
(Sgd) Fred't Bullock,
Bvt Brig Genl & Chf DC.

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Berlin Aug.
Oct. 14. 1867

W. A. Foote

Hamburg

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Berlin Arkansas Oct 14-1867

Capth. Taylor.

Sir

you will please giv the Settlement between Marsh. Allen & Mrs. Haynes a thorow Investigation as I am Satisfied an attempt is being Made to Swindle him. — He was to Replace the Corn used on the plantation which he Says has been done. & will be able to establish the Same. The Claims that She has against him will I Suppose hav nothing to do with the Crop of this year & would hav ben paid. had he Recevid Justice. or at Least a portion of them. The Cotton that was to hav ben turned over to me last year by March. was taken by Mrs. Haynes & applied to her own use &c

Respectfully &c

Wm. A. Fooke

NARA 451

L R. 185 / 67. B.B. Fort Mc

Camden Ark
Oct 23" / 67

Crews H. Ft
1 Lt 28" Me S.D

Invoice & Receipts of
Subsistence Stores Supplies
by Sergeant Haley
with Detachment of
4. Men to relieve De
tachment now at Hamburg
If there is any probability of running short of supplies notify me in time to me

Received 10. 26 — 1867

NARA 457

Camden Arks
Oct 23d 1867

Sir

I transmit herewith Invoices and Receipts of Subsistance Stores shipped this day to you in Charge of Sergt Kiley. who goes to Hamburg with a detachment of four (4) men to relieve the detachment now at that place. Sergt. Kiley and detachment are rationed to include November 30th 67 The Stores I ship to you are extra. Please sign the Receipts and send them to me by mail immediately. If there is any probability of your running short of Supplies please notify me in time so that I can ship to you.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servant
N. H. Crews,
1st Lieut 28th U.S. Inf. A.C.S.

Lieut. J. S. Taylor
15th Regt. V. R. Corps
Hamburg Arks.

NARA 453

L R 186/67. 73 Inft & Cav

Monticello Ky
Oct 25 - /67

Lyster / Millegan
Capts. 19th Inft

Information When the
Detachment leaves for
Camden - request
to send arrangements
that Two Capts provost
of the 28 Inft to this
Company at Camden
now enquire at
this Station —

Oct - 29th 1867 —

NARA 454

C. S. 99.

Hd Qrs Dist of
Monticello Arkansas
Octo 25th 1864

Lieut Taylor
Agt at Hamburg

Sir

I respectfully request that you inform me when the detachment 28 Inf will be relieved, and to make arrangements to send John Saxton pvt of the 28 Inf (now confined by your request at this post) to his Company at Camden — that he may be tried as soon as possible

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Wm Lyster
Capt 9 Inf & A.A.A.G.
Comdg

NARA 455

L.R. 189/67 R Stark

Raleigh Miss
Oct 28"/67

Montague R. B.
Agent

What the 2 children of Isaac Gunn Louisa & Ellen They [redacted] Neighborhood

Rec Nov 10"/65

R.C. Montague
Letter.

of Isaac Gunn
Children
in Alabama

NARA 454

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Sub-District of Raleigh
Raleigh Miss. Oct 28th 1867

J. S. Taylor Esq
Sirs:

Yours of Oct 3rd relative to the two childrn Louisa & Ellen, of Isaac Gower is at hand. From inquiries I learn that the childrn are not now with John Mayfield or Henry Anderson, the latter man is dead.

I do not know the locality of the childrn. Some say that they have left this neighborhood entirely. If I can ascertain any thing about them I will write.

Very Respectfully
R. V. Montague Agent

NARA 457

L R. 1871/67 R Hd Qrs

Monticello Miss
Oct 28th 1867

Lieut E M. Thompson
Post Adjt

Information that at this time all the Mounted forces at this command do at their time absent- that a suitable form will be sent the Lieut of this Post

Oct 29 - 1867

NARA 45A

Hd. Qrs. Post of Monticello,
Monticello, Arkansas.
Oct. 28. 1867.

Sir;

Your communication of the 25th inst. is received, asking for ten men and one non-commissioned officer, for the purpose of making an arrest.

I am instructed by the Commanding officer to inform you that all the mounted force of this Command is at this present absent, Hunting for deserters, and that a suitable party will be sent to you at the end of this week.

I am
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Svt.
Edwd. Thompson
2d Lieut. 19th U.S. Infty.
Post Adjutant

A. J. Cunningham
Capt. R.F. & A.L.
Hamburg,
Ashley Co.
Ark.

NARA 459

Bureau of R. & F. Affrs
Asst Com Sub Dist
Farmville Va
Oct 28th

Respectfully returned to Lt Col Taylor, Supt Camp-berg. Ask with the information that the Brethren named Jenkins cannot be found in my District

Jno H. Jordan
Bvt Lt Col
A A A G

L.R. 188/67, R. Fd & L
Farmville
Oct. 28 - 1867

Louisa Mrs. Wm. H.
Asst. Commissioner

That the children of Ellen Daniels cant be found

NARA 4AR

Offices Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ashley Co
Ark

Supt R. F. & A. L
Charlotte Co. Hon
Ark

Sir.

I have a freedman in my employ who has 2 daughters in Van Buren Charlotte Co. Ark. the mouth from to come to Ark. they write they only get $3 a month and is not able. She is able to pay them any how if not too much cost We wish to know. If they can be sent here through the Bureau by paying the money here to the agent. or for him to collect the money here on the end of the Bill of Transportation. If it will not cost more than sixty Dollars (60) to get them to her you can send them as soon as you can to her. by the cheapest boat. to the mouth of Red River and then up the Washatau to Merry Saline (Ashley Which is in 20 Mile of Hamburg. Ashley County. Ark - And as soon as you can send them Mile be the Best - Margarett Cook lives in or near Charlotte Court House Emma lives some where. or was sold by the Circle 7 yers ago Margarett has a husband & one child - by sending them to their Mother Mary Daniels in Hamburg Ark. Mile confer a favor on her & the charge paid

Respectfully yo
G. B. Higgins

NARA 461

The Within Statement in regard to the wants and desires of the Colored people mentioned is correct and if the parties in Virginia can be sent here I will see that the funds are transmitted through the Bureau at Washington or by any other plan suggested. The transmittal of Money direct is not regarded as safe and I suggest the money be sent to you from here through the Bureau. Please advise the parties and learn if they will come.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully &c
L. L. Taylor
Lieut 13th U.S.C. Supt R.F. & A.L.
Hamburg Ashley Co
Ark

NARA 467

No. 188.

Surgeon U. S. Vols. N. L.
Ist Alexandria,
Camp Lee, Va.
Nov. 1st 1864

Respectfully returned to Lt. Col. H. A. Cunningham, (thro' A. G. Cunningham, Agent at Hamburg,) inviting attention to the endorsement of the Chief Quartermaster.

By command of
Lt. Col. C. C. Smith,
Asst. Commissioner of

Jno. E. Simms
Capt. & A.A.G. Asst. Q. Master,
U. S. V. Nov. 2/64.

Rec'd. Nov. 6 - 1864

NARA 463

L. R. 1316, C. A. C. A. Ark. 1867.

Hamburg, Ark.
Oct 15th 1867

Freedmen, B. R. & A.
Publishes Ashley C. Tenn

States that Circular No. 4, 2nd Series, was published in his paper by Genl Taylor, the Agent at Hamburg. The account was made out and forwarded some two months ago, since which time he has heard nothing from it. Requests that the matter be attended to.

OCT 31 1867

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BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
FOR ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct 21st 1867

Respectfully returned to Bvt Brig Gen C. H. Smith U.S.A. Asst Commr with the information that the account within referred to was forwarded to Bvt Brig Gen Geo D. Ballock Chf O & C on the 24th day of June 1867, since which time I have heard nothing of it.

Wm. M. Levy
Special Agent and Disbursing Officer,
Bureau R., F. and A. L.

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Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Ft of Arkansas,
Little Rock, Ark;
Oct 31st 1867

Respectfully referred to Henry Page, Asst Adjt Genl, Officers, for remarks.
By command of
Bvt Brig Genl, C. H. Smith
Asst Commissioner

Asst Adjt Genl
E. 82, Vol 2 1867

NARA 464

L. R. No. 1316, C.A.G. Rec'd 1867.

Hamburg, Ark.
Oct 15th 1867

Fr. Gen. R. F. and A.C.
Dept of Arkansas,
Little Rock, Ark.
Oct 31st 1867

Graham, D. H. C. S.
Publishes Asbury C. Tirrill

Respectfully referred to Henry Page, Asst'g Officers, for remarks, By command of
Bvt. Brig. Genl. C. H. Smith
Asst. Commissioner

States that Circular No. 4, Genl Order Series, was published twice in his paper by Levi Taylor, the Agent at Hamburg. The account was made out and forwarded some two months ago, since which time he has heard nothing from it. Requests that the matter be attended to.

Actg Asst Adjt Genl.
E. 82, Vol 2 1/8

LITTLE R.R.F. OCT 31 1867

NARA 465

Hamburg Arkansas
Oct 15th 1867

Genl C. H. Smith U.S.A
Little Rock Ark.

General

During the
month of March the agent of the Freedmens
Bureau at this place had inserted in my
paper the "Ashley County Lines" Circular No
7 dated Little Rock March 6th. The acct
for advertising the same two weeks was
regularly made out according to blanks
furnished by Capt Taylor the agent and
regularly forwarded, according to regu-
lations, by him some two months ago. I
have not since heard from it, and, at the
suggestion of Capt Taylor, I write to
request that you give the little matter your
attention at your earliest convenience

Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
W. H. A. Gresham
Pub. Ashley Co Lines

NARA 44A

Rec'd Hd Qrs Camden Oct 31. 67.

L.R. p 15 C 14.

Stanburg Aug Oct 27. 67
Nov 1 67

Cunningham A.G.

Agent B. R. F. & L.

Reports that a detail of One (1) Sergeant and four (4) men arrived at Stanburg and states that they are armed with B. L. S. R. M. and supplied with 40 rounds of ammunition each and suggests that an additional 40 rounds per man be forwarded to the detachment

Hd. Qrs Camden Oct Nov 1st 1867.

Respectfully returned with the information that the Comdg officer deems forty (40) rounds of Ammunition to the man sufficient for any emergency providing it is properly used

Asst Adjt Genl
2d Lt 28th Infantry.
Post Adjutant

E.B. p 152 * 201.

Head Quarters Camden
Nov 1st 1867

NARA 467

Office of C. F. & A. L.,
Hamburg, Ashley, Co., Ark.,
Oct. 27th, 1867.

Lieut A. C. Abbott
Co

Sir

A detail of one Sergt and four enlisted Men arrived here to day from Camden. They are likely to be Stationed here some time, are armed with the New breech loading Muskets, and have only forty rounds of ammunition for Each piece. I think it would be policy to have an additional forty rounds for Each Musket, It would be well to have them on hand in case they should be needed, I write to request you to send if possible, the additional ammunition required

Respectfully Your Obt Servt
A. P. Cunningham
Agt R. F. & A. L.

The Men are from your Co. (B)

NARA 464

L. R. – 188/69. B Fort Hd

Camden Ark
Nov 2nd/69

Genl. H. D.
A. A. G. Dept

Receipt of Subsistence Stores transferred by Mr to St Taylor has been received but on account of your not being an Officer of the U.S. Army not valued.

You will therefore dispose of the Stores as they are unsuitable or obsolete, as you will be held responsible for the same

Nov 4th 1869—

NARA 469

Office Post QM.
Camden Ark Nov 2nd/64

A. G. Cunningham
Agent S. R. F'y & A.S.
Hamburg Ark

Sir

Your Receipts of Subsistence Stores transferred by me to Lieut Taylor have been received but on account of your not being an Officer in the U.S. Army are not valid. You will exercise supervision over the Stores and see that they are not used or destroyed as you will be held responsible for the same The men under your charge have been rationed to the 30th of November at which time D will see that they will be further rationed for the month of December - out of the Stores under your Charge - instructions &c will

NARA 47A

I've sent you

Dam very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt.
N. N. Crews.
1st Lieut 28th Regt U.S. Infty.
A. A. Gm and A. C. S.

NARA 471

L R. 191/67 R Ark & La

Little Rock Ark
Nov 8th/67

Paymr Henry
Disbursing officer
Bureau R & R L

Return of account of
cost of transportation
in connection with the
Arrears must be suppor
ted by original orders and
which the journey was performed
and certified as by Para 1
Same To furnish this
office monthly with
full & true return
of one cent per mile

Rec'd Nov 15/67

NARA 472

Quartering Office Bureau C.S.W.A.D.

Little Rock Ark. Nov. 8th 67.

R. G. Cunningham

Agent &c. Camden Ark.

Sir;

I have the honor to return herewith your account for actual cost of transportation for correction; The account must be supported by the original order under which the journey was performed and one certified copy of same, and the account must also be verified by affidavit taken before a clerk of a Court of record having a seal. See. Bureau Officers Manuals Par 3. Art. 6 - Page. 28. B. You will please furnish this office monthly until May 1868 with a requisition for fuel. (form 22. Manual). You will make the purchase of one cord per month, giving voucher (form 9. Officers Manuals Blanks enclosed) in strict accordance with Cir 7. Office asst. Quarr dated May 26.

NARA 473

1867. There you will forward to this office on or before the 15th day of each month. See Circular Letter from this office of June 13th 1867.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt.

Wm Page

Disbursing Officer

Bureau R.B.F.&L.

NARA 474

No.....

Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue,

2d District Arkansas.

Dated *186*

SUBJECT.

Sept 30th 1867

L R. 189 / 67. R 7 Ark

Warren Ark
Nov 10/67

Lt Wm. Henry
A. R. Assessor -

The Freedmen are
making complaints
of there treatment
requesting that you
come up here and
remove there difficul
ties -

Recd Nov 12th / 67

NARA 475

United States Internal Revenue,

Assistant Assessor's Office, 2d District Arkansas.

Warren Ark Nov 10th 1867.

Agt F. B. & A. L.
Hamburg

Sir

The negros in this County are continually making complaints to me in relation to their treatment, and I have no power to alleviate their troubles. If it is within your power to come up here-do so: and I assure you, you will be greatly satisfied with your effort to disentangle their difficulties.

Very Truly Yours
Henry St John

NARA 47A

L R. 132 Y. 0161 - 6 1867

Hamburg, A. C.
Oct 29th, 1867.
Nov 8th —

Cunningham, A. J.
Agent.

Where the owner of land rents it to a white man who hires freedmen to work on shares, asks if the landlord's lien for rent has control over the freedmen's share of the crop. He states that he has decided not and this created dissatisfaction, asks instructions.

[illegible]

U.S. B.R.F. & A.L. NOV 5 1867 LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Pursuant R. F. and A. L.
For Arkansas,
Little Rock, Ark.
Nov 8th 1867

Respectfully returned with attention invited to the enclosed Circulars, which covers the case

By command of
Bvt Brig. Genl O. H. Smith
Asst Commissioner

John E. Smith
Actg Asst Adjt Genl

S. 94, Dec 2/67.

NARA 477

Office A. F. & A. G.
Hamburg, Ashley, County, Ark's,
Oct 29th 1867."

Genl. Jno. E. Bennett

Sir

I am asked to decide, whether (in a case where a White man holds lands under lease from the owner of the land, and engages Freedman to work the land for a share of the Crop) the owner of the land, who has a Landlords lien, on the crop of the lessee; whether this lien controls the share of the crop belonging to the Freedman, and renders it liable to Seizure and Sale, for rent, or Supplies, furnished the Lessee. I have decided that the Freedmans share can not be held for debts of Lessee, with whom he contracts. This does not give Satisfaction please let me know if I am right

Very Respectfully Your, Obt Servt
A. G. Cunningham
Asst. A. A. G. & A. G.

Jno. E. Bennett
Bvt Brig Genl U.S.

NARA 47A

Bureau R. F. and A. Ls.
for Arkansas.
Little Rock, A. T.
Nov 14th 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Agent of Hamburg, Ark. inviting attention to the endorsement of Mr. P. Hobbs, Postmaster at Marshall, Mo.

By command of
Bt. Brig Gen'l G. H. Smith
Asst Commissioner

Jno E. Smith
Actg. Asst. Adj't. Gen'l

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NARA 479

R. 1265. A.G.O. 1867

Kansburg, Mo.
October 10th 1867.

Taylor, Lieut U. S.
Agent.

States that there is a colored boy, 14 years old, named Charles Wilson, now living in Pooling County who was brought from Marshall, Saline County, Mo., in 1864, by one Thomas Stillwell. The boy desires to return to his parents, who are supposed to be still living at Marshall, and requests that the parents Saml & and Louisa Wilson, be notified of the whereabouts of the boy.

U.S.R.F. & A.L. Agency
OCT 16 1867
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Sub Assistant
Pulaski County, Mo.
Oct 19th 1867.

Respectfully referred to the Asst Supt at Marshall, Saline Co. Mo. requesting information as to whether the parents of the within are, and boy are still living at Marshall, and if so, what is their character, circumstances, &c.

This paper to be returned.

By command of
Lt. Col. & Bvt. Brig. Genl. G. O. Smith,
Asst. Commissioner &c.

Jno C. Bennett
Capt. & Asst Adjt. Genl.
Dist. of Ark.
C 68. 2-22, 67.

P.O. Marshall Mo.
Oct 21. 1867

Respectfully returned, with the information that the parents of the within named boy - are living near this place - and they are anxious he should return to them - Their characters are good - and they are, I presume, making a good living -
They express their willingness to send him money, if he is not able to return without out -
I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Your obt. servt.
N. B. Noble
P. M.

To
Bvt. Brig. Genl. G. O. Smith
Little Rock, Ark
Cog. Vol. 2167

U.S.R.F. & A.L. Agency
NOV 12 1867
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

NARA 4AA

Office Supt R Fds & Lds
Hamburg Ark
Oct 10" 1867

Lt John E Bennett
A A. A Genl
Little Rock Ark

Sir I have the honor to state that there is in this County a Colored Boy about 16 years old Named Charles Wilson Who was brought from near Marshall Saline County Missouri in 1864 by one Capt Thomas Stillwell Who has the Boy now in his charge The Boy States that he was taken away from his mother by Mr Stilwell and that his Sister was taken at the same Time but left somewhere on the Road Mr Stillwell States to me that he got the Boy and understood that his Mother had been carried off and that he took him to take Care of The Boy desires to get back to his parents. and I address you this in hopes that they may

NARA 4A1

be found & thus enable the Boy to
get back to them The Fathers name
is Samuel & the Mother Louisa Billson
& are believed to be in the neighbourhood
of Marshall Saline. Co. Missouri.
I would recommend that this be
forwarded through the Officials of
Missouri & the parents found if possible
& informed of the Whereabouts of these
Children

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Serv.
J J Taylor
1st Lt 15th U.S. Infty A.D.C.

NARA 4AP

LR 1422. ACA-1867

Hamburg, Ark.
Nov 18th 1867
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Cunningham, A. G.
Agent

Reports that Lafayette Clark (col.) wants to get three children from Ms. Hill in Ashley County, to whom they are bound. Clark claims to be uncle to the children, who have a good home with Ms Hill and would not better their condition by going with Clark who lives in Jefferson County. Asks if he shall be allowed to take them.

Bureau R. F. and A. L.
for Arkansas.
Little Rock, Ark
Nov 22nd 1867

Respectfully returned to Lt. A. G. Cunningham, Agent. This is a case which should be settled by the Agent without referring it to this office.
By command of
Bt. Brig. Genl. H. Smith
Asst. Commissioner

J. W. E. Smith
Actg. Asst. Adjt. Genl.
E. 112. Vol 2/67

Mr Hill is to keep the children —

NARA 4A3.

Office. R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ashley. Co. Ark.
Nov. 18th, 1867."

Genl Fennell
Sir

I have been called on by a coloured man (Lafayette Clark) who wishes me to get their children from Mr. Hill of this county. Clark lives in Jefferson County Ark. he claims them being their uncle he has never been to see or inquire after the children although knowing where they were, until Yesterday. Mr Hill some time ago, with the advice and consent of Genl. J. S. Tafton, then Agt at this place, had the children bound to him before the Probate Court of this county Mr. Hill, agreeing to find clothe and Educate the children as his own until of Age. Also to learn them Trades, Farming being considered, in the Indenture a Trade. I believe the Children are better off where they are than to be given up to Clark, who perhaps could Not support them.
Please take action on the matter in order that I may be able to settle it

NARA 484

I would also respectfully call your attention to the fact of there being in this County many children both Males & Females who work about from place to place and surely if they are permitted to pursue this course it can only end in prostitution & Vagabondism. I wish to know if it would not be desirable, to take such children and if (practicable reasons) can be found) bring them for a short term. I have no doubt much good could be Effected by doing this in a very careful manner

Very respectfully
A. H. Cunningham
Agt. R. F. & A. L.

Bvt Brig Genl Wm. G. Bennett
1st Lieut 28th U.S. Infty
A.A.A. Genl,

NARA 485

LR. 1423. Ark 1867

Hamburg, Ark.
Nov 18th 1867
22

Cunningham, A. G.
Agent

States that there are two plantations in Ashley County registered as abandoned. They are being worked by the owners, asks if he shall collect rent for the present year, and how much.

Rec'd Wednesday Nov 27th 67
1496

Bureau R. F. and A. L.
for Arkansas,
Little Rock, Ark,
Nov 22nd 1867

Respectfully returned to Mr. A. G. Cunningham, Agent. If rents will be collected, attention is invited to the enclosed Circular Letter.
By command of
Bt Brig Genl C. H. Smith
Asst Commissioner,

J. W. El Smith
Actg. Asst. Adjt. Genl.

C. 1423. Nov 1867

NARA 484

Hayesburg. Ashley. Co. Ark's.
Nov. 18th. 1867.

Genl Jno. E. Bennett

Bvt

Dear Sir

I ask instruction. in the matter of abandoned lands. We report bro in this county. I wish to know if Govt has not charge rents, where abandoned plantations are worked by the former owner. Both the abandoned Plantations in this County are being worked, the crops will not be heavy. I have spoken about the matter to one of the men. He proposes Amnesty to have the land restored, but the crop for this year will be off. before the lands could be returned. Shall I collect Rents & if so. How much.

One of the plantations will produce seventy five Bales of cotton. Lieut. Taylor. Is in the officer in charge of Delaware he should collect rents

Very Respectfully &c &c
A. H. Cunningham
Asst R. F. & A. L.

Bvt Brig Genl
Jno. E. Bennett 1st Lieut
28th U.S. Infty A. A. A. Genl

NARA 487

L. R. 192 "/67 B R Ed A Le

Little Rock & Ms

Nov 28 "/67

John C Bennett

A A. General

Direct that you report to this office the age of the Freedman Boy Albert Brooks living with Lowery in Ashley Co from proper information transportation will be furnished the Boy

Respectfully

Recd Dec 1 "/67

NARA 4AA

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
For Arkansas.

4268.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Little Rock, Ark., November 28th, 1867.

Wm. A. S. Cunningham.

Agent.

Hamburg. Ark.

Sir,

The Assistant Commissioner directs that you report to this office the age of the free boy Albert Brooks, now living with Wm Ivory in Ashley County. Upon the receipt of the desired informations, transportation will be furnished the boy to his home in Columbia, Louisiana.

I am very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.

W. E. Bennett
Actg. Asst. Adjt. General.

NARA 489

L R. 197. B. K. Sinclair

Seattle Precinct
Nov. 28" 1876

Daniel J. Deco &
" " "

Quick that ~~I~~ an
report to this office
the ages of the three
boys Albert Boots
Mary Lizzy ~~Boots~~ Boots
Louisa Boots.

Sept 2nd 3" 1876

NARA 49A

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Arkansas.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

268.

Little Rock, Ark., November 28th, 1867.

Wm. A. G. Cunningham,
Agent
Hamburg, Ark.

Sir.

The Assistant Commissioner directs that you report to this office the age of the freed-boy Albert Brooks, now living with Wm. Lowry in Ashley County. Upon the receipt of the desired information, transportation will be furnished to his home in Columbia, Louisiana.

I am, very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
(Sgd) Jno. O. Sennett.
Actg. Asst. Adjt. General.

Capt. (Actg.
Jno. O. Sennett
1st Lieut. 28th U.S. Infantry.
Actg. Asst. Adjt. Genl.

NARA 491

L.R. 194 "67. B.R. Ford's

Little Rock Ark
Nov 23rd 1867

Page Henry
Disbursing officer

Vouchers for mine returns. with instruction that all vouchers for mine & assessors will be signed by me & not put on my returns and accounts for on my returns. in future will purchase an allowance of mine on the first of each month

Rec'd Dec 3rd/67

NARA 497

Disbursing Offic BRD & A. Lands.

Little Rock arks. Nov 29. 1867.

A. G. Cunningham Esq.

Agent &c. Camburg Arks.

Sir.

I enclose herewith vouchers in favor of. S B. Higgins for one cord of wood purchased for use of your offic for month of Nov 1867 in lieu of those issued and signed by you herewith returned. The certificates to all vouchers for servics or for purchases mid be signed by me, appearing to have been issued from this offic, as all articles purchased are accounted for on my returns, and the servics of all persons and articles hired are borne on my rolls and are paid for by me.

Your attention is respectfully called to Circulars 7 & 16 current series offic Asst Comm for Arks regarding purchases which must be strictly complied with

NARA 493

In future you will purchase your authorized allowance of fuel on the first day of each month (including only the month of April 1868) and transmit the vouchers accompanied by your requisition. (from 20 Gulf Dept) on or before the 15th day of each succeeding month.

See Officers Manual. Page "26. Q" "headed "Fuel"

You will please forward immediately your requisition form 20 Gulf D. for Nov 1867 with the certificate and receipt thereto properly signed.

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Thomas Page

Disbursing Officer

NARA 494

L'R. 1456. Ark. 1867

Hamburg, Ark.
Nov 24th 1867
Dec 2nd "

Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Asst Arkansas.
Little Rock, Ark.
Dec 2nd 1867

Cummingham, A. G.
Agent.

States that he has the papers of Drew and Bradley Counties in his office and asks if his jurisdiction extends over those Counties. Also states that the horses at that station should be replaced by better ones, as they are unserviceable. That owing to the negligence of former Agents in promptly forwarding accounts, &c, he is charged as horses stock, or anything of the kind, with and paying for it himself.

Respectfully returned to A. G. Cummingham, Agent, with the information that his jurisdiction extends over the Counties of Drew and Bradley.
By command of
Bt. Brig. Genl C. H. Smith
Asst Commissioner

J. W. E. Smith
Actg Asst Adjt Genl

RECEIVED NOV 30 1867

NARA 495

Office A. F. & A. L.
Hamburg. Ashley. Co. Ark.
Nov. 24th. 1867.

Lieutenant

I desire to call your attention the fact that I have all the papers of Dixon, and Bradley, Pol. in my office, I was appointed for Ashley. Co. only, and would like to know if I am Expected to attend to the interests of the Freedmen in those counties If so I will at once. Make arrangements to divide my time in the three counties. I beg to state however that three counties are too much Territory for one Agt to go through and do justice. Strictly. the short time for Each county would necessarily cause some cases to be overlooked, which should be attended to

I have two U. S. Horses here. that should be replaced by better ones as we have a great deal of riding to do. they were originally poor Horses and we can not get them in serviceable condition. We have plenty of Forage - Capt. Hay. While on this subject I would call your attention to the fact of the

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ago, heretofore, at this place getting
Blacksmithing done, such as Horse shoeing
&c, Also Ferriage over Salmon River of
teams, and detailes bringing Supplies
to this Point, and returning. Also in
the Matter of a Coffin for a Soldier
who died in the Month of October
at this place, The accounts have been
handed into this Office, and proper
Vouchers forwarded, They are never
heard from again. Through Either the
Negligence or Carelessness of Officers
of the Bearreau formerly Stationed here
this has been carried on to Such a
degree. that Now, I cannot get a
Shoe put on one of our Horses
without paying for it Myself.
I Most Respectfully, ask for Instruction in this Matter,

With Consideration of Esteem
I am Your Obd Servt
A. J. Cunningham
1st Lt. 7th Inft & A.A.A.G.

To Brig Genl
Jno. E. Bennett
1st Lieut 28th U.S. Infty
and A.A.A. Genl

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U.S. MD. ARK. DEC 9 1867 U.S.P.O. LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Fort Hamburg Dec 3rd 67.

Lieut J. A.

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Bureau Refugees Freedmen & A Lands

Office Sub Division 5 Dist Iredell N.C.

Agts Office Nov 16th 1867.

To Commissioner of Bureau Refugees F. F. & L.

Little Rock Ark Kansas.

I, W. H. Henderson Agent Bureau R. F. & L. for the Counties of Davidson Randolph & Forsyth do hereby Certify that I have Read and Inspected a Final Proof taken to James Madison Leach of said County and State of North Carolina and Dated the 19th day of June A.D. 1865 Signed by Andrew Johnson President of the United States & Countersigned by the Secretary of State with the seal of the United States affixed thereto all in due and Proper form

I Further Certify that the said J. M. Leach has taken the Oath Prescribed in Proclamation of the President Dated May 29th 1865, and that said J. M. Leach is a Citizen of the Town of Lexington of Davidson County and State of North Carolina and ~~is~~ is understood in this County to be the Owner of a Plantation on Grass Ridge in Ashley County Kansas

W. H. Henderson
Agent Bureau Refugees F. F. & L.

I John Heary Clerk of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the said County of Davidson do hereby

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Certify that W. F. Vanderpoel late Agent
of the Bureau of Freedmen & abandoned
Lands for the County of Liberty on
Randolph & Forsyth, has been
duly Commissioned as such
by the Secretary of War.
Sealed with the Seal of my
office, at Office on this
the 15th day of December
A.D. 1869.

H. Haines Clerk.

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Ex. 1492. Ord. Office 1867

Camburg. A. G.
Nov 28th 1867.
Dec 4 - -

Cunningham. A. G.
Agent.

Reports that the Justices of the Peace in Ashley County refuses to act under the law allowing poor persons to sue &c. without first paying fees and giving security, as they claim that the law was repealed by an Act of the last Legislature. This does great injury to the many freedmen having old claims, who are too poor to give the security necessary to bring action to recover. Asks instructions.

U.S.R.F.&A.L. MO. ARK. AND MISS. DEC 4 1867 LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.
Dec 4th 1867.

Respectfully returned. The construction placed upon the act passed by the last Legislature in relation to fees &c, by the Justices of the Peace, is correct. The last act passed by a Legislative body upon the same subject is the binding one. and wherever it conflicts with previous acts it repeals them.

By command of
Bvt Brig. Genl C. H. Smith.
Asst Comr.

J. W. E. Smith
Acty Asst Adjt Genl.

E. 133. Ord 1867

NARA 581

Office R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ashley Co. Ark.
Nov 28th 1867

Genl

Sir

I respectfully call your attention to and ask for instruction on the following, Believing it My duty to do so. as the interest of many Freedmen throughout the State are daily Suffering from this. the case is as follows.

The Legislature of Ark passed what is called the Pauper act by which poor persons of whatever color were permitted (having just cause of action) to Sue without paying cost, Fees, or giving Security.

(vide) Goulds. Digest. Page 282. Section 10 to 14 inclusive

The last Legislature of Ark passed an act. which provides that all fees Shall be paid before process is issued, and this applies to Justices courts. Except in Criminal cases. The Different Justices of the Peace throughout this county claim that the first or Pauper act Shall be repealed, and will not issue process for any Freedmen unless they first pay fees and give Security It was Evidently not the intention of the

NARA 5AP

Legislature to repeal the Pauper act
This is working injury to all parties
throughout the country. More Especially the
Freedman. There are many old claims in the
Dept held by Freedman which could be
made by action before a Justices Court.
But if the Pauper law is a dead letter
upon the Statute Book, the Freedman
Can not give Security, and Is consequently he obliged to loose all his claims
Hoping You will not consider that
I have overdone my duty
I Remain
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
A. L. Cunningham
Lieut R. F. & A. L.

Bvt Brig Genl.
Jno. B. Bennett
1st Lieut 2d 8th U.S. Infty
A.A.A. Genl

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Bureau R. F. and A. Ls.
Ind Territory.
Little Rock, Ark.
Oct 4th 1864.

Respectfully returned to the Agent at Cairo, Ark. inviting attention to the endorsement of Capt Judd, Agent at Pulaski, Tenn.

By command of
Lt. Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard.
Asst. Commissioner

J. M. C. Smith
Actg. Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Agents Office
Pulaski Tenn Mar 21/65

Respectfully returned to Capt Walsh Sup't Asst Comr with report on case of Wm Smith charged with murder of Jesse Wilson

I have worked diligently to find said Wm Smith but thus far have failed There are several Wm Smiths in Lincoln County and it is hard for me to get hold of the right man several times I have thought I had him but it was the wrong man every time I am confident he is in Lincoln Co & I will find him if possible, I have to be very careful in making inquiries or he would get out of our reach, I have got a man who has promised to find out all about him but as yet have not heard

Geo L Judd
Capt 11th and
Actg Asst B R F & A L

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E 10, 149 [illegible]

[illegible]

Rec'd [illegible] May 23d 1865

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Office Asst. Comr. Tenn.
Nashville Nov. 29. 65

Respectfully returned to the Asst. Commr. of Arkansas. whose attention is invited to the endorsement of Capt. Judd, Agent &c herein.

This papers has been accidentally mislaid in this office.

W. Larkin
Bvt. Maj. Genl U.S.A.
Asst. Comm.

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NARA 5A5

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

SUB-DISTRICT OF NASHVILLE.

Chief Superintendent's Office,

Nashville, Tenn., April 2d, 1867.

Capt Geo. E. Judd
Pulaski, Tenn.

Capt,

Please find enclosed a request that you cause to have arrested William Smith who shot Jerry Wilson (Col'd) in August last and now believed to be in Lincoln Co.

The papers in the case were returned to you March 29th

You will please return the papers in the case immediately with what action taken.

I am Capt
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Wm. S. Wales
Capt & A.A.G. Asst Supt
Asst Comm

NARA 5AA

L. R. B. 57. Vol. 2 - 1866 B. R. & A. L.

L. R. 187. A. S. D. 1867

Hamburg. Ark.

Nov. 30. 1866.

Copy.

Taylor. Lieut. A. D.

Supt. &c.

Fld. - L.R.B.A.L. - 1867

States that William Smith who shot Jerry Wilson, colored in August last is now believed to be in Lincoln County Tenn and gives information on which belief is based.

1 inclosure

Rec'd Mar 28th W. D. C. 1867.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
for Ark & Tenn
Little Rock, Ark.
March 15. 1867

Respectfully transmitted to the Assistant Commissioner State of Tennessee, Nashville, with the request that the within named murderer may be arrested and sent to this office.

E. O. C. Ord

Brig & Bvt Maj. Genl U. S. A.
Assistant Commissioner.

E. 136. 67.

Bureau R. F. & A. Lands
State of Tenn
Office Asst Commissioner
Nashville Mch 27. 1867

Respectfully referred (Thro' Office Sub asst Commr Sub dist of Nashville) to Capt George E. Judd V. R. C. Genl &c Pulaski Tenn for such information of the exact whereabouts of Wm Smith as he can obtain. Enquiry should be made with secrecy and caution so as not to excite suspicion. Papers sent to be returned.

By order of
Bvt Maj. Genl W. P. Carlin
asst commr.

J. H. Goodbeet
1st Lieut & A.A.G.

E. 155. 0. 62/67

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Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Hamburg, Ark. Nov 30. 1866.

Bt Maj. Jno. Tyler,

Capt A.A.A.G.

Little Rock, Ark,

Sir,

I have the honor to report for your information and action that William Smith the white man who shot Jerry Wilson the colored man, in this County in August last — the facts in connection with which I have reported previously in report for September — has left the County, and from information received, is believed to be at this time in Lincoln County, Tennessee.

The facts on which this belief is based are, that Smith was seen at Grand Lake on the Mississippi river a few weeks ago, by two reliable citizens of this County and heard to say that he was going to Lincoln Co. Tenn. that the above named gentlemen rode on the same boat from Grand Lake to Memphis with Smith. Smith leaving the boat at Memphis and they going on to St Louis. Smith was born and raised in Lincoln County Tennessee, and his relatives all reside there.

Smith is a man about 50 years old, 5 feet

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8 inches high, auburn hair and whiskers slightly grey; has a downcast look and when in this County generally went armed with a revolver conspicuously buckled about him.

If he can be arrested and brought to justice a cool deliberate murderer will have received his just due.

I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully,

Your Obt Servt,

Sgd, J. S. Taylor,

1st Lieut 15th U. S. C.

Subst. R. F. & A. G.

Official Copy.

M. O. Lyler.

1st Lieut 43rd U. S. Infantry,

Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

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Roster of Officers and Civilians in the employ of the Bureau Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands in the County of Ashley State of Arkansas for the month of October 1866

Names	Rank	Duty Performed	Order assigning to duty	Salary if Civilian
Isaiah S Taylor	Lieut 15th Inf	Supt & Provost Mar shal B R F & A L	S O No 3 & H Q B R F & A L Little Rock Arkansas	
W D Pollock	Citizen	Clerk Office Supt B.R & A.		$75.00
W D Pollock was relieved from duty at his own request				Oct 31 66

I Certify that the above Roster of Officers and Civilians in the employ of the Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands in Ashley County State of Arkansas is Correct.

I S Taylor
Lieut 15th Inf & Supt & P M
B R F & A L

NARA 51A

Ashley County
State of Arkansas

I J. D. Kimbrew do
Solemly Swesare that ni or about the 23" August
1866. I was at Popular Bluff Ashley. Co.
Arkansas when A Man named James. Simms
Came to me and asked me to go with him
by Mrs. Winstons about 3 mile from Popular
Bluff to se a black Man Named Jerry. Willson
Saying to me that Jerry had threatend his
Simms, life
My self. John. Willson. W.A. Moore. James Simms
and William. Smith then went in Company to
Mrs. Winstons where the Black man Jerry. Will
son lived, When we got near to the
house we met the Black Man Jerry. Wilson
in the lane about 200 yards from the house.
James. Simms one of the party rode up to
Jerry and asked him " did you threaten" to
take my life." Jerry replied No" William
Smith then spoke and Cursed Jerry Saying"
you are are a damed lyer" Simms asked
Jerry the second time "did you threaten My
life" Jerry replied, "No." "William Smith then
drew his pistol and reached over Jerrys
Shoulder and fired" The Ball took effect pene
trating the Skull and killing him instantly
As Soon as the act was done the party rode
up and I went to Mrs Winston and told her
What had taken place".

Subscribed & Sworn to
before me This 27 day of
February A D 1867

J. D. Kimbrew

D S Taylor
Lieut 15 ore Supt R F & A L
Hamburg Ark

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L R, 195 16 Dec. B Dept Ark
Little Rock Ark
Dec 12 67

Page Col Henry
D. Officer

Enclose check
#3.56
for Appropriation
for Book

R 18 Dec 67

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Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

Dec 12, 1867.

Col A T Torrey

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Hamburg, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, my check, No. 1108

on the MERCHANT'S NATIONAL BANK, of Little Rock, Arkansas, for Three 00 dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

S R Huggins	3 00

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Henry Page

Disbursing Officer.

NARA 519

LR 196 67 RF to AL

Little Rock Ark
Dec 13/67

Page Col Henry
& Officers

Return requisition for
month of December
for requisition for fuel
for correction. you will
please sign Receipt on
Certificate & return

12 Dec 67

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Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 13th, 1867.

Bvt. Lieut Col. Geo D. Dorrle.

Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Hamburg Ark.

Colonel.

I have the honor to return herewith your requisition for fuel for month of December 1867. for correction. You will please make new requisitions signing the certificate and receipt and forward to this office immediately.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Wm Page

Disbursing Officer

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Pumburg, A. T. O.
Dec 14th 1867
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Cunningham, A. G.
Agent.

Forwards application of J. M. Leach of Lexington, N. C., for restoration of his property in Dallas County, Ark. 800 acres.

3 Enclosures

For [illegible]

U.S.R.F. & A.L. MO. ARK. & IND. T.
DEC 9 1867
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Bureau R. F. and A. Ls.
For Arkansas.
Little Rock, Ark.
Dec 16th 1867

Respectfully returned to
Agent at Pumburg, Ark.
application must be
accompanied by a certified
of Mr. Leach's special
rdon and by a copy
his title to the land,
ly certified to.
Command of
Brig Gen'l. C. H. Smith.
Asst Commissioner

Jno E. Smith
Actg. Asst. Adjt. Genl.
E. 1145. Dec 21 67.

NARA 514

Office A.F. & A.G.
Hamburg. Ashley. Co. Ark.
Dec 4th 1867

Genl

I have the honor to forward certificate of Sch of Bureau of R.F. & A.G. for the Counties of Davidson, Randolph, and Forsythe, State of North Carolina, as to the Sack of a Special Parton granted to H.B. J. McZack, who under this Pardon asks for the Restoration of his Land, in this Co. Ashley. I respectfully forward certificate, and request of Davis J. McZack for the Action of Said Commissioner

Respectfully Your
Obt Servt
A. Hymninahan
Sch R.F. & A.G.
Hamburg,
Ark

Brig Genl
Comd. Ed. V. Bennett
Supt Genl 98th U.S. Infty
and A.A.A. Genl

NARA 517

Register of Abandoned Land in Desa,
Bradley, and Ashley Counties, Arkansas
in possession of the Bureau, November
2nd 1867.

Names.	Situation	No acres	Buildings.
	Desha County		
Brent, James +	3 miles S. Monticello	300	Residence & quarters
Easley, Wm +	13 " S "	600	" "
Johnson, J. D. +	9 " S.E "	3530	" "
Pool, G. E. +	7 " S.W "	600	" "
Wilson, James +	13 " S. "	—	— —
	Bradley County		
Lewis, John,	30 miles N. Monticello	1000	Residence & quarters.
	Ashley County		
Leach, Wm	36 miles S.E. Monticello	800	" "
Higgins, Saml.	27 " S. "	2000	" "

Jno E. Smith
Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

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NARA 519

Lexington, N. C.
October 29th 1867.

To, ~~the Commissioner of Freedmans Records~~
Assistant Commissioner of the
Bureau of Freedmen & abandoned Lands, at
Little Rock, Arkansas,

Respectfully ask that my land in Ashley County Arkansas be restored to me They adjoin the lands of Dr. Leaton Dothem, & are situate near Lake Enterprise.

For the following reasons:

1st. A special pardon, was granted me by Andrew Johnson President of the United States & dated on the 14th day of June A.D. 1865, with the Seal of the United State attached & signed by the President & Secretary of State — which pardon I now hold, a certificate of which is herewith sent you, certified & signed by W. H. Anderson clerk Com. of the Freedmens Bureau & Abandoned Lands in this Davidson County, Forsyth County, & Randolph County —

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2. I respectfully insist that the land was never abandoned — I never resided on said land, but my home & family have always resided in North Carolina — that at the request of the larger portion of my more valuable negroes I brought them at heavy expense to their former localities in North Carolina, & left some 16 or 18 on my plantation, most of whom were either old & infirm, or diseased, & as such were not able to make a support without land to work, & mules & farming implements & that at a considerable cost & sacrifice through kindness & feeling of attachment to them, I allowed them to remain & work as much as they could & have been sued and still am supporting them & keeping them off of the Bureau, and am willing & expect to continue to do so, as long as I own the land —
Several being very old & unable to earn any thing & several crippled & otherwise disabled. — So that my part of any abandonment of the land, if any, has been dedicated not to my interest (for I pay annually last more by $ than I have been using it to forward the interest of the Freedmen's Bureau, instead of the contrary, or seeking to do so.

3. I refer to my bonds, & beg that Lieut J. S. Taylor A.A.C. Commissioner in said Ashley County, at Hamburg, see my Counsel Messrs Johnson & Hutchins in the same town, & endorse a copy of my letter to you at Little Rock — & Dr. H. M. Allford, the Manager & part owner of said place with will attend to the matter. —

All of which is respectfully submitted, and I expect, at my Post Office here — Lenoir County North Carolina.

J. M. Leach.

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LITTLE ROCK, A.R.
DEC 9
1867

NARA 522

Lexington N.C.
Oct. 29th 1867

Lieut. J. J. Taylor
Asst Com. F.B. & A.L.
Hamburg Ark.

Sir: Sometime since I
enclosed you application for the Restoration
of my Land in Ashley County Ark.
I hope it will be satisfactory, & sufficient.
I beg you, to ask for me my 3rd Lease,
to Messrs Johnson & Hawkins, as to title, and
believe they have done, — & to their products
& returns, or Statements to you, to certify the
fact to the Commissioner at Little Rock,
enclosing the same with the proofs such
as, & let me know the results — Of
course if I fail I shall go to Washington,
where I have many friends to whom I shall be
thankful and such than to have them
restored. — I was a Member of the 36th Congress
& have a number of true friends now in Congress

The children are all perhaps one, good
Man Peter Lorfs Lady (my place) are now stopping
are some where in Arkansas, on White River
some 200 North of my place & North East
of Little Rock — Mrs Locke is with them & Book
to Mrs Locke brother in law. —

Truly yours — S. McLean

NARA 523

Lexington, N.C. Jany 16th 1868

Col. Tawle

Sir: Your note has come to hand, informing me that I must send you a certified copy of my pardon, & also a certified Copy of title to my land.

I did not send a certified Copy of my pardon, but did send a Certificate of the Bureau Officer of this place, that he saw & read & examined the pardon, & supposed certified & every thing was all right - I beg you to say if it must be copied through the Bureau Officers) if the certificate of Clerk of Court as shown is necessary. As to title to my lands - they are done by 2 grants, & they are in either the hands of Mr. J. A. D. Johnson attorney of your place, a most worthy gentleman by the way, or Mr. Jno Sumner of this County or D.r N. M. Alford, I do not know which. You might do me the favor to learn of Mr. Johnson. I will or must as I am informed by Col Brady's agency -

Very respectfully. J. M. Leach

NARA 524

L R. 195/67 - B. R. F. & A. L.

Franklin Louisville
Dec 20th 67

Atty ck A. G.
D. C.

acknowledgements of
orders regarding the
Faculty below. Mr
Locket, Early, Telfairman
and the Negroes
and since nothing done
to their injury
in case of debt & have
direct this allowance be-
legal and no doubt
the will get all due
them

Ans Dec 20th 1867.

NARA 525

State of Arkansas
County of Desha } ss
Franklin Township December 16th 1867

Mr C. A. G. Cunningham
Dear
Sir I Received
your order to day dated December
3rd 1867 In Regard to a difficulty
between Mr Lockett Curby & Dickshow
and the Negroes I Investigated the
matter and find Nothing done to the
Negroes of Oliphant or injury
the order you sent to Mr. Moore
She was Sick at that time She
was not able to Attend to any
business the Negroes went away on
there own account after being
Requested to Stay the Claimes of
the Negroes I have Cited Mrs Moore
to appear before me on the 28th
day of December 1867 to answer &
have no Result but the Negroes will
get every Cent due them for
there People have Money and
are of Good Moral Characters
So far as the Difficulty &
never Nothing about entitle I
Received your Order and So
Soon as I make a Settlement
Write her & with address you and
State the amount and await your
order for the Disposition of the
Same I am Your Obt Servant
A. S. C Tyree B.I.O.

NARA 5PA

Little Rock Ark.
Dec. 23. 1867.

Henry Page
D.C.

Letter
Henry Page
L. Stephen

Enclose check	
L Coffin & Co	
M.M. Stedman	
A Cunningham	
Lefils	
Higgins	
L Lawrence	

Post office Little Rock ark
Dec 23d 1867

L Bettinger
Clk Treas
Washington D.C.

Sir

Draft on New Orleans for Eighty eight 67/100 Dollars. and have credited Mr Cunningham with one hundred Dollars on his receipt for 106.37 paid him on the Baringer Note for 500.00 Acre Laws. Making in all one hundred and eighty eight 67/100 Dollars in payment of the following vouchers to Wit.

A G Cunningham	11.50
A G Cunningham	99.17
A Higgins	75.00
Amand Lefils	10.00
	$188.67

Leaving Mr Cunningham still owing me $6.37 which amt will be deducted from my next payment to him and his receipt returned.

Respectfully Henry Page
D.C.

NARA 527

Little Rock
Jan 22/65

Page Henry —
D. officer

—

Enclosed check
[redacted]
of Ls Higgins
Mrch
Jan 1/67

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Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

January 22, 1868.

Bvt Lt Col A F Poole

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Hamburg, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, my check, No. 1252

on the MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK, of Little Rock, Arkansas, for Three 50

dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

S B Higgins	3.50

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Danny Page

Disbursing Officer.

NARA 529

L. & R. 1"/68 " B. K. & A. L.

Seattle Rockcastle

Janry 29/68

Page Co. Stamp

S. C.

Endsd Draft on

New Orleans La

for $8.

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Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

January 29 , 1868.

But Lieut S F Poole

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Hamburg , Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, ~~my check, No.~~

Draft on New Orleans

on the ~~MERCHANT'S NATIONAL BANK, at Little~~

~~Rock, Arkansas~~, for Eighty five

dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

S B Higgins	75.00
Ammo & Stores	10 00
	85.00

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant,

Sam'l Page

Disbursing Officer.

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Little Rock
Aug 29/66

Page Henry
D. C

Enclosed sheets
for voucher
$3520.
Aug 1868

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Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

January 07, 1868.

Lieut Col'y D Domb

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Hamburg, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, my check, No. 121/3

on the MERCHANT'S NATIONAL BANK, of Little Rock, Arkansas, for Three 50

dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

S B Higgins	3 50

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Henry Page

Disbursing Officer.

NARA 533

L R. 168 13 Rec'd 46

Customs Ills
July 4 1/c 8 A.M.

Taylor J. S.

Requesting a statement of Imports that is Short a Steam. Certificates and Charges paid. That there was Grain. Short but he paid it on account Duty Examining the

153-517
63.128
412.31
412.09
412.09

NARA 534

Centralia Ills
Feb 4" 1868

Brevt Lieut Col Geo F Towle
Agent. Bureau R F & A —
Hamburg Ark

Sir

I received
Ls day. from the 2 M. at Pine Bluff
Receipts for 2 M. Stores which I turned
over to A G Cunningham on being re-
lieved by him at Hamburg on the
20" of Last. Ast.".

This property is deficient 2 Head
Halters & 2675 lbs of Grain.
When I turned this property over
to Mr Cunningham. The Head Hal-
ters were There. The grain was defi-
cient in a few lbs. but I assayed
with him. To purchase & reimburse the
amount. good.
A portion of this grain has been
Consumed by the Animals as I [illegible]

NARA 535

it over on the 20 of oct. & I suppose the animals have been fed Grain it from that date is the 1st of Jan making 72 days forage for 2 Horses or 1628 lbs of Grain. What I desire is that you will be kind enough to furnish me a corn statement of the amount of this forage that has been consumed. Mr S B Riggin or perhaps some of the soldiers on duty can testify to the amount that has been consumed since I turned it over. The Bulk of what I turned over was oats. let the Statement be for oats consumed.

I am aware that I am seeking assistance from an entire Stranger but I hope you will appreciate the position of affairs for as it now stands I must pay for this forage unless I can account for it. as it has been consumed by the public animals I cannot but that I should pay for it Whatever expense you may be at in obtaining Affidavit County Seal &c forward with the receipt & I will promptly return the amount.

In the full belief that you will not regard me as intruding on you in making the request. I do but will regard my position here as my excuse

I have the pleasure to be
Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
A Taylor
Rate Agent Bureau C&E
Hamburg Ark.
P O Box 438 Centralia Ills

PS
Give my respects to Mr Sapiles & family should you see them.

NARA 534

Letter Rec. Feby 5th/68

Little Rock
Ark

Pay Col. Henry
O. Abbott

Have no vouchers
on file in my office
that gives the date and
I cannot find any
mention of the date

To A. B. Nagle
Col &c

Memo

Nov 7 July 12th/67

NARA 597

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., Feby 3 , *1868.*

S. B. Higgins
Hamburg ark.

I am unable to furnish the information desired by you in your letter of the 28th ult. as the voucher on file in my office does not give the date of the service and I cannot find any mention of the date in any communication received from you.

Respectfully
Henry Page
A. A. G.

NARA 5.3.A

Le R. 11. B R Fvet Le

Vancby ates
Jan 24/69
Feby 8-69

Soule. Lt Genl H
Brt Lt Col Le & a
C Agts

Request that books
be sent for signature
of Q. M. Sumner.
for rent of Room
& Property

NARA 539

Hamburg Ark
June 24/18

Colonel:-

Will you please send down orders for the signature of Mr Geo W. Norman. for rent of rooms hired for purpose, and by the authority enclosed in the enclosed communication.

The rent commenced on Dec 12th

I am very respectfully
Yr obt servt
Geo F. Tuohy
First Lt 2d" Inf
Bvt Lt Col USA
Agent

Brevt Col Henry Page
Disbursing Officer.

NARA 54A

H. 11.

L.R. 1457, A.G.A. ark 1867

Hamburg, Ark.
Nov 25th 1867

Cunningham, A. G.
Agent

States that he has a quantity of Government Cotton stored on land, and not placed to store. Land rent is reasoned for two and one half dollars per month. Asks instructions.

Bureau R. F. and A. L.
For Arkansas.
Little Rock, Ark.
Dec 2nd 1867

Respectfully returned to the Agent at Hamburg, Ark. The renting of the within mentioned rooms at two and one half dollars per month, for storing Government Commissary stores, is authorized. This endorsement will be the authority for so doing.
By command of
Bt Brig Genl. C.H. Smith
Asst Commissioner

J.W.E. Smith
Actg. Asst. Adjt. Gen'l.
L. 12 Sept 2/67

E = 18 = 1868.

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
FOR ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark., Feby 8th 1868

Respectfully returned to.
Bvt Lieut Col. Geo. D. Dowle.
Agent B.R.F. & A.L. Hamburg
Ark. with the information that this is not a proper charge against this Bureau but should be reported and paid by Lieut Dra. Wm C. Barton A.A.G. Wm, Pine Bluff Ark. in accordance with G.O. 16. series 1867. Head Quarters Dist. of Ark. to which your attention is respectfully invited.

J. Emmy Page
Special Agent and Disbursing Officer,
Bureau R., F. and A. L.

NARA 541

Office of A. F. & A. G.
Hamburg Ashley. Co. Ark
Nov. 25th. 1867.

Friend

Sir I have at this place a lot of commissaries, in barrels and Boxes. which the weather will Ruin if they are Not properly housed The Articles are

3 bbls Pork 4 bbls Flour

Coffee. Sugar. Rice Soap Candles Salt &c.
Part of which was recd from Lieut U.S. Taylor. & part from Lieut H. H. Crane at Camden. We have been keeping them on Sufferance in a room near the Office. I was requested to-day to Move them which I have allready succeeded in doing. They must be covered Securely. I can keep them where they are Now by renting the room, for which they ask Two & one half Dolls per Month. Ok

NARA 542

Conrad. I did not nor will not agree
to do anything in the matter, until
I have authority from you. Please let
me know what I shall do. The troops is
at present in the room. the parties wish
to rent, I will keep it there until
advised what to do in the matter

Very respectfully
Your Most Obt Svt
S. L. Cunningham
Lgt R.C.F. & A.Q.

Bvt Brig Genl
Jno. E. Bennett
1st Lt 7th Cavs 28th U.S. Infty
and A.A.A. Genl.

NARA 548

L. R. 15th Ind'l

Franklin Iron
Iron Co. Ark
Dec 24th 1863

Ayock. A. J.
L. D.

Claim sent to him
has been partly contested
and balance in
Judgment - Sum
of Lucii Harris $21
Delivered Nov $29.12

Ret Jan 1st 1865

NARA 544

Franklin Township Warren County
Dec. 28th 1867

Mr A. L. Cunningham

Dear Sir

I have filled your Claims Sent to me by your order of 3rd of December 1867. The Claim of Lewis Harris $48.00 They Reduced by proven account to $21.00. The Claim of Melvina Moore $100 $70.00 They Reduced to $29.12 on the Claim of Henry Grace $87.00 They proved an account against of $85.75 on which Brought Grace in debt to them $1.75 on which is the best I could do in the matter I Rendered a Judgement for Harris for $21.00 and one for Melvina Moore for $29.12 and one for Moores Estate against Grace for $1.75 on which Judgements against Moores Estate will be collected by the 4th Saturday in January next, the disposition of the Money I will await your order —

I Remain Your Obedient
A. L. Agnew J.P.

NARA 545

L. R. 4. /68. B. V. T. T. C. L.

Little Rock Ark
Febry. 15th /68

Mills. Saml. M.
A. A. A. Adjt Genl

Transmitts of appointments of Registrars for Ashley Co. with Copies of Gen orders No 4 & 9 Copies oaths which to deliver in person
If any of the parties decline to accept fm any cause you will select other suitable persons and report your action to Head Quarters all necessary expenses incurring be paid by Maj J. B. Smith Paymaster

Recd. March 4th /68

NARA 54A

Headquarters Sub-District of Arkansas,

Little Rock, Ark., February 15, 1868.

Bvt Lieut: Colonel Geo: F. Fowle

Agent B. R. F. & A. L.

Sir

I am directed by the Bvt Brigadier General Commanding to transmit herewith appointments of registrars for Ashley County, together with 3 copies of Genl Orders No 4. & 9 copies of printed oath, which you will deliver in person to the respective parties for whom they are intended. If any of the parties decline to accept the position tendered them for any cause, or cannot be found in the County, you will select a suitable person or persons as substitutes, cancel the name of the parties so declining, where it appears in the Special Order, and insert that of the substitute in its place, and report your action in this matter to these Headquarters. All necessary expense incurred in the performance of this duty, will be paid by Major J. W. Smith Paymaster U. S. A to whom you will apply for the blanks on which to make your accounts.

I am

NARA 547

I am very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Samuel M Mills

1st Lieut: Regtl Adjutant 28th Infy,

Actg Asst Adjutant General

NARA 54A

L R. 5th B R Fact L

Little Rock Ark

[redacted]

Feb 17/68

Page Col Henry
A. A. G

Enclosed check
for $3.50 To M
Full Clothing

[redacted]

R Feb 25/68

NARA 549

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

Feb 17, 1868.

Carlyn F Irwin

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Hamburg, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, my check, No. 1342

on the MERCHANT'S NATIONAL BANK, of Little Rock, Arkansas, for Three 50

dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

W F McComas 3 50

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Wm Page

Disbursing Officer.

NARA 554

L. R. 2/68 B. R Ft at L.

Little Rock Ark
Feby 3 " /68

Page C. J. Henry
D. offices

order to furnish transportation for Albert Brodes. a destitute Colo Boy from Hamby to Columbia La.. To ascertain if there are any Way of transportation from Hamby to Columbia La. by Which the Boy can be sent.

W. Feby 10 " /68

NARA 551

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., Febry 8th, 1868.

Col Gen'l Fowler

Agent B. R. F & a. L.

Hamburg Ark

Col:

I am in receipt of an order from Genl O O Howard, Comr. B.R.F.& a.l. to furnish transportation from Hamburg Ark. to Columbia Ia. for Albert Brooks, a destitute colored boy. My object in writing is to ascertain if there is any continuous line of stage or other means of transportation from Hamburg to Columbia. If there is not a continuous line, is there any connecting one, by which the boy could be sent. If there is, give me the names or style of each line that I may issue transportation orders to correspond.

Very respectfully Henry Page

A A G

NARA 552

L. R. 20" / 68. R. I. & Ls

Little Rock Ark
Feby 18" / 68.

Paz C. D. Clary
D. C.

Transportation for
Musick for the Boy
Albert. Boyle &
Columbia Lu —

July 3/68

NARA 553

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., January 18, 1868.

Col Gen'l Fowle U.S.A.
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg. Ark.

Col

I have the honor to enclose herewith transportation pass for Albert Brooks. Colored. from Marie Saline Landing to Columbia La. which you will please turn over to him.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Henry Page
Disbursing officer

NARA 554

LR. 19 / 68 BRF+A L

Little Rock Ark
Feby 20 / 68

Paymr Col Henry
D. C

Enclosed invoice
of BCk Receipts for
Clothing Stores Shipped
per Dill Shaw
Price Bluff to be
forwarded & returned

Respy Feby 20th / 68

NARA 555

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., Feby 20th, 1868.

Bvt. Lt. Col. Wm D Fowle.

Agent re Hamburg Arms

Colonel.

I enclose herewith Invoices & blank receipts for clothing shipped to you, through Lieut J. Mc. Shaw. A.A.G. Mc. Pine Bluff Ark.

Please sign the receipts and return at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully

Your obdt. Servt

Wm. Page

Disby officer

NARA 554

Ltr R. 3 / 6 Bn Hdqrs

Little Rock
July 26th / 68

Capt Col Henry
Subsistence Officer

Enclosing Draft
on New Orleans
for $85.—

Rec'd Aug 2 / 68

NARA 557

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

Dec 21, 1868.

Col Geo F Gorle

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Hamburg, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, ~~my check, No. ——~~,
Draft on New Orleans, as requested
on the ~~MECHANICS NATIONAL BANK~~, of Little
~~Rock, Arkansas~~, for Eighty five
dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

S B Wiggins	75.00
Amanu Lifil	10.00
	85 00

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant,

Henry Page

Disbursing Officer.

NARA 554

RL 8/18 R 7+7=

Little Rock Ark

March 9/68

Paid Col Henry

D. Offner

Enclosing vouchers

for Subsistence &

Comm. Stores to

be signed & returned

R

March 18th 1868

NARA 559

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., March 9, 1866.

Lt Col. Geo D Doyle.

Bureau A. F. and A. L.,

Hawburg, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

S. B Higgins	$75.00
A. Defiles	1.00

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. All signatures by mark you will please witness.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

Deby.

Danny Page

Disbursing Officer B. R. F. and A. L.

NARA 5AA

L R. 6 /68. B.R. Hdqrs
Little Rock
March 12/68

Page Col Henry
D. officer

Enclosing sheets a
Depth in New Orleans
for 8 45

NARA 561

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

March 12, 1868.

Col G T Doyle

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Pauling, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, ~~my check, No~~ ....., Draft on New Orleans on the ~~PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK,~~ of ~~Little Rock, Arkansas~~, for Eight 45

dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

Postage for Dec. Jany & Feb	4.95
1 cord Wood	3 00
	8.45

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant,

Henry Page

Disbursing Officer.

NARA 5A2

A.R. 7/ 1868 B.R. Fort Lc

Lake Village

March 18th/68

Cummington. A. G

Off Lake Village

B.R. Fort L

Enquire about

Genl Smith, and

will send in duly

after him from

Jefferson

Rec'd 20/68

NARA 563

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
for Chicot Co. Ark
Lake Village, Ark. March 14/68

Col. Geo. F. Fowle
Ag't Bu. R.F.&c
Hamburg, Ark.

Dear Sir:—

Enclosed letter from Texas intended for your office came into my hands, the envelop being addressed A. G. Cunningham. Mr. Haynes when called to account by me for whipping the Girl, stating the girl was 15 Years old & produced letters showing he had authority over the girl. When Mr. Haynes whipped her a second time I took the girl away from him & she was unemployed when I left Hamburg, staying with some colored people. Mr. Wiggins is conversant with the case. Please send answer to Texas containing any information desireable you may possess in this case.

Very Respectfully
Your Obd't Servt
A. G. Cunningham
Agent Bu R. F. & A. L.
for Chicot Co, Ark's

NARA 564

L R. 10 168 B.R. Ja 4 M

Magnolia Ark
March 31st 1868.

Partners L.R.
Agent B.R. Ark

Complaint is made
by James Wood, Sr;
that two of his Children
was taken from the County
by D. N. Carlock. without
his consent; If the
Children are unwilling
and were retained without
their will, Mr Carlock
will furnish transportation
to return them

R.R. March 31st 1868

NARA 5A5

Freedmans Bureau
Majr Gen Ar Kansas
March 27th 1868

Bvt Lt Col C. Foe
Asst Adjt Gen Ark
Colonel.

I ordered
Mary James Wade to make complaint
at this office that two of his children
were taken from him legally
by J. H Barbee, against his
wishes written their consent
and also that they are now
with him near Batesville.
I would therefore respectfully
request that you will investigate
the case, and if in case the children
are unwillingly & illegally
detained from their parents
& that they be returned to
their parents in this co"

And remain respectfully
Your Obt Servant
J H Parkhurst
Agent BRF & AL

NARA 566

L.R. 1 168 B R 7 A G

Little Rock Ark
March 23 / 68

Page Col Glenny
O officer

Request that Mrs Lefils
sign them, in the name
of Armand Lefils and
his signature written
by her as required
(Donahue)

Rec'd Mch 31st / 68

NARA 547

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., March 23rd, 1867.

Lieut Geo D Dowle.

Bureau A. F. and A. L.,

Hamburg - Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

Armond. Lefils 1st, and would respectfully request that Mrs. Lefils sign them in the same manner as the name is written in the heading - writing nothing but the name of her late husband, as when signatures are written "by" or "per", authority for such is required.

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. - All signatures by mark you will please witness.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

J Henry Page

Disbursing Officer B. R. F. and A. L.

NARA 5AR

L R. 11. /68 R5-7 A2

Little Rocky
Ark
Sept 1st /68

Pay Col Berry
D. C.

Enclosed check
for Seven Sefils
for $10 —

NARA 569

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

April 1, 1868.

Bvt Maj Geo T Jones

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Hamburg, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, my check, No. 1494

on the MERCHANT'S NATIONAL BANK, of Little Rock, Arkansas, for Two _____

dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

Armand Lufils $10.00

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant,

Thos Page

Disbursing Officer.

NARA 578

L R 12" 1868 Mch 12

Little Rock Ark
April 14 1868

Page Bill Henry
& Co

Enclosed check on
draft on New Orleans
for $85- payment
Voch of B Higgins
Among Lists

April 25/68

NARA 571

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

April 14, 1868.

Bvt Maj Gen T Ford

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Hamburg, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, ~~my check, No.~~

Draft on New Orleans

~~on the MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK, of Little Rock, Arkansas~~, for Eighty five ——————

dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

S B Maginnis	75 00
Amount Lefil	10.00
	85.00

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant,

Wm Pope

Disbursing Officer.

NARA 572

L R

Centralia
Ills
May 19 / 68

Taylor U. S.

Information of the papers I can Bard Plummer New Orleens & hands on the Harris Fleet — That he has not the papers or any of them

Centralia Ills
May 19th 1868

Respectfully returned with Statement that I have none of the papers in this case in my possession The records of the office show all the correspondence in the case. Copies of all papers were returned except copies of the Stonised accounts of Adams against the hands These accounts were furnished from Adams Books by Plummer. and ammounted in the aggregate to over one hundred dollars more than the Cotton sold for = I however on the sworn statements of the hands rejected many of the items and brought Plummer in debt to the hands some $400.00 The accounts thus settled with all papers bearing upon the case were forwarded by me to New Orleans through the Military Channels If not lost in the mails These papers are now in the hands of the Agent at New Orleans or can be traced up by the Office at Little Rock or New Orleans The papers were sent to New Orleans for adjustment by the Agent there with Bard Plummer = By offering to the letter Book, the file of letters recieved and endorsement Book a full history of the case may be obtained. I had hoped a final settlement of this case had long since been effected. Any information in my power to give touching the case will be cheerfully rendered

J. J. Taylor

NARA 573

Agents Office
Hamburg Ark
May 7th 1868

Dr J. S. Taylor
Sir

In the case of Bard. Plummer of New Orleans v the Freedmen in the Hands Farm. I find only one set of the papers in the office which I have sent to New Orleans and have not been returned by Clerk thinks there was a copy taken of them. and not to be found in the office. you might have taken them off with your papers. If so will you please forward them to me so as to make settlement with the Hands. or send me a copy. should they be in among your papers

Most Respectfully &c

Geo F. Towle
First Lieut 22nd Infantry
Bvt Lieut Col U.S. Army
Agent

NARA 574

LR 18 BR & AL

Little Rock
Ark
June 17/68

Page Al Lamy
D. A.

Enclose draft on
New Orleans for
Eighty five Dollars.

R June 22 n 1868

NARA 575

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

June 17, 1868.

Col G F Torbett

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Hamburg, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, ~~my check, No.~~ ,

Draft on New Orleans for

on the ~~MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK, of Little~~

~~Rock, Arkansas~~, for Eighty five

dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

S B Higgins	75.00
Amanda Lifils	10.00
	85 00

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant,

Henry Page

Disbursing Officer.

NARA 576

L° St. 13"/68. B 7 & 1 2

Little Rock Ark

1868

Page, Henry

D. Officer

Enclosed draft
in favor, Ellens
for Eight Indian Allen
payment vouchers

Drawn Lefils #10
S.B. Maguire - 95-

Ind Terry 24/68

NARA 577

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

, 186 .

Bvt Maj Genl O. O. Howard

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Hamburg, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, ~~my check, No.~~ ,

Draft on New Orleans

on the ~~INTERNATIONAL NATIONAL BANK~~, at Little ~~Rock, Arkansas~~, for Eighty five

dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

L B Higgins	7500
Armand Lifils	1000
	8500.00

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant,

Henry Page

Disbursing Officer.

NARA 578

L.R. 21/68 R Ind Ter

Little Rock Ark
June 26/68

Bennett Lt John C
Asst. Q.

Directed Q Assistant
Commissioner that
the Transportation
of Albert Brooks
be returned and
no further action
be taken

July. 31 1868

NARA 579

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
For Arkansas.

1553

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Little Rock, Ark., June 26th, 1868.

Brevet Lieutenant Colonel George L. Towle.

Agent. Hamburg, Arkansas.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 17th inst. in reference to the claim by Albert Brooks.

The Assistant Commissioner directs that you return the transportation to this office and not take any further action in the case.

I am, very respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant

Jno. E. Yeatman

Actg. Asst. Adjt. General.

Returned July 2

NARA 518

Aug 6 1864

Herrod & Tyner

Letter
that the hands

are all owing
them — and they
Will en ài
to settle

NARA 581

Poplar Bluff Ark. July 1st 80

Col. Fowler.

Dr Sir we Rec'd a notice from you on the 2nd of July to appear at your office for a settlement with Some Freedmen named Wm Hawkins & Lurvine Killans who worked on our farms in 79. in Reply to your notice we have to say that it is our desire to have a settlement with the parties as Soon as they may have money on Hand to pay us what they owe us, from their last years arrears, Especially Mr Hawkins as on an Honorable Settlement he will find himself in our debt Largly over $150,00 dollars, as you have had considerable experience with this class of People you must certainly know by this time they have but little idea of this expense, and invariably come out Behind it is considerable annoyance to the Planter and more to you To be constantly annoyed by so ignorant a set, for we count's When they Know they are always behind and nothing to pay with, the very thing that has caused our country to be almost entirely Bankrupt, to a man, who has dabbled with free negro labor to any extent, and until they are made to work more and Spend & Eat Less they will allways come out Behind or Break the Man who works them.

In conclusion I will say to you that I will be in your office on the first time I come to Hamburg and Bring all my accts and Papers and Show you very clearly that all our Hands are Largly Behind with us.

Hoping this may prove Satisfactory for the Present We are Very Respectfully

Herod & Tignor

Per Jno B Herod.

NARA 5A9

Little Rock Ark's
July 9th. 1868.

Henry Page.

D.C.

NARA 5AA

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., July 9th, 1867.

Col. Geo D. Doyle.

Bureau A. F. and A. L.,

Hamburg, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

S. B. Wiggins	7.50
Armand. Defile	10.00

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. All signatures by mark you will please witness.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

Henry Page

Disbursing Officer B. R. F. and A. L.

NARA 584

[illegible] Cunliffe
Salem
Aug 12th 1868

Parish N.C

Sick and cant
Come while cure
as soon as able
to Travel

NARA 5A5

Drew County July 12th 1868

Mr S B Wiggins

Dear Sir

I have just received a notice from you ordering me to attend the Beans office at Hamburg on monday the 13th inst July 1868 to have settlement with Emma Baker (Colrd) for Labour and with it an other order stating if I do not appear there will be a guard of Soldiers sent after me &c. I must say to you that I am sick in bed and can not attend on that day but will come down as soon as I am able to do so you will please inform Mr Geo T Towle of my situation and much oblige Yours &c I very respty Yours

W. G. Parish

Mr S B Wiggins
Fountain Hill
Ashly Co
Ark

NARA 587

D.C.P.C.& Co.
Little Rock Aug 12/68

Page Henry D.C.

Returns Memorandum
Receipts for funds
retained at Pine
Bluff to pay certain
County Claimants
states that the parties
have all received
their pay and that
receipt is no longer
required

Enclosure

Received Aug. 20th 68

NARA 5AR

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug 12, 1868.

Lieut Gleisner
Agent B. R. F & A L
Nashville Tenn

I have the honor to return herewith Your Memorandum receipt for funds retained to pay certain Bounty Claimants.

The parties have all received their pay and the receipt is no longer required.

Very respectfully

Henry Page

D O

Br J

NARA 5A9

B. R. I. & A. R.
Pine Bluff Ark. June 6th 68

Received of Silden Page Esq. the
amount of $698 60/100 Six hundred and
ninety eight 60/100 dollars arrears of bounty
& pay due the following named freedmen

Paid	Robt Bradley	189.40
~~Paid~~	~~Anderson Robertson~~	~~102.30~~
Pd	Anderson Shull	102.30
Pd	Sandy Boland	102.30
~~Paid~~	~~George Davis~~	~~102.30~~
Pd	Peter Alford	100.00
		$ 698.60
		204.60
		494.00

S. Geiger
Agt B R I & A R.

NARA 59A

S. O. S. B. C. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark
August 21st 1868

Page Henry D. O
for Ord.

Invoices Ord. Stores of
C. C. & G. S. on hand at
Shamburg and requests that
the same be issued on form
52 A. Qr. Dept at earliest
convenience.

Very respectfully

Received Aug. 24th 68

NARA 591

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., August 21, 1868.

S. Geisreiter Esq
Agent re Hamburg Ark.

Sir

I enclose herewith Acct of Clerk & E for which I have receipts to Col Towle & which is now in your hands. Please make the clothing on Form 52 & M D & forward the rolls to this office at your earliest convenience

I am very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Henry Page
Disby Officer
Per Koch

NARA 592

P.R. & A.L for Ark. A.A.G.

Little Rock Ark. Aug. 31st 1868

Mills Samuel M. 1st Lieut Asst. A

A. A. A Genl P.R. & A.L

States in reply to communi-
cation of the 25th inst that
permission is granted to move
the Office to Fountain Hill
that a team will be sent
from Camden to take the
subsistence stores, orders a report
of what other stores there are,
if any ?)

Answered Sept 1st 68

Received Sept 5th /68

NARA 593

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For the State of Arkansas.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

4/8 Little Rock, Ark., Aug 31st, 1868.

S. Feiereiter

Agent,

Hamburg, Ark's,

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 25th inst I am directed by the Asst Commissioner to say that you have permission to remove your office to Fountain Hill. A team has been ordered from Camden to get the commissary stores at Hamburg. You will report what other stores are there if any.

I am very respectfully,

Your obt servant,

S. D. Mills

1st Lt & Adj't 29th Infantry,

Actg Asst Adj't Gen'l.

NARA 594

I. O. R. R. & T. R.

Little Rock Ark Sept 14/68

Page Henry D. O

per S.

Transmits Drafts on P. O.

favor of S. Geisreiter 140.67

John Cumming 19.65

acc'n

Acknowledged receipt Sept. 9th 68

Ordered a check of $160 to be made out favor of Dr. Wolf & Co. to be sent in check on L. R. to my address

NARA 595

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept 4, 1868.

S Arnistreiter
Agent BRFdAL
Hamburg Ark.

I have the honor to enclose Drafts on New Orleans &c. as follows

In your favor for	146.67
In favor of John Cummins	19.65

In payment of your July salary and purchase of forage for Sept. 68.

I am unable to comply with your request to send a part of your pay to Mr Denoff. as the draft was drawn before I received your letter.

Check for payment of Messenger & Rent for July. was sent sometime back to Mr Denoff who has acknowledged the receipt of the same.

Very respectfully

Henry Page Jr
A. A. D. O.

NARA 594

Office A.C.S. Camden Ark
Sept 9th 1868

Cook 2nd Lieut Geo. H.
Of C. Post of Camden

Request Subsistence at
Okanburg pertaining to
B.R. I. & A.L. to be turned
over to Private R. Korman
Co. H. 28th Inf to be taken to
Camden as per instructions
from Sub Dist. Ad. Gen.

Answered Sept. 10th 1868

Turned over the stores Sept 13th 68
Rec. Sept 13th 1868

NARA 597

Office A. C. S.
Camden, Ark.s September 9th 1866

To the Agent of the
Bureau of R. F. & A. Lands—
Hamburgh, Ark.s

Sir

In compliy with instructions from the Commanding General District of Ark.s Louisiana. I have the honor to request you will turn over to Brevet Brig.d Gen.l Norman in charge of Government Train all Subsistence Stores in your possession pertaining to the Bureau of R. F. & A. L. said Stores being part of the property belonging to this Dist. for which I am responsible. The enclosed receipt will inform you of the amt. Very respectfully I am

Your obedient Servt.
Wm. N. Ward
2nd Lieutenant 28th Infantry
A. C. S.

NARA 594

D. C. R. R. Co. vs al
Little Rock Ark Sept 14/67

Paymaster D.C.

Transmits Check in
payment of Vouchers favor
S. Geismeier 1467
Armand Lefils 10.00
1567
Lefs and fd. Dr Hoff 100.00
$567

NARA 599

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

Sept 14, 1868.

S Greisreiter

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Hanauery, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, my check, No. 1982

on the MERCHANT'S NATIONAL BANK, of Little Rock, Arkansas, for Fifty six 67

dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

S Greisreiter	146.67
Armand Lufil	1000
	1567
Less amt sent to H C Denoef by request	10000
	56.67

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Henry Daye

Disbursing Officer.

pr J

NARA

P.O. D.C. Rec'd
Little Rock Oct 14th 1865

Pope Henry P.O.

Transmits check No 2418
in payment of Voucher
favor of S. Granniter 146.67
John Seay 25.90

Acct Rec'd rec'd Oct 18 65

Rec. Oct. 18th 1865

NARA A81

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

Oct 14, 1868.

S Guisenter

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Fountain Hill, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, my check, No. 248

on the MERCHANT'S NATIONAL BANK, of Little Rock, Arkansas, for One hundred and seventy one 97 dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

S Guisenter	14667
John Berry	2530
	171.97

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Henry Page

Disbursing Officer.

NARA AAP

D. C. P. B. C. A. L.
Little Rock Ark Oct 17/68

Page Henry D. C.

Returns for signature
Rent Voucher for L. A Leflis

Received Oct 29th 1868

NARA AAA

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct 17, 1868.

S Guisenbu
agent B. R F & A
Fountain Hill Ark

I return herewith the voucher of S.a. Lifils for signature to the receipt My report of Persons and Articles for Sept. has been forwarded to washington and it is too late to make the change.

You will therefore get Mrs Lifils to sign the receipts and I will forward the money to you and you can settle with the parties.

Very respectfully
Henry Page
Disbursing officer

NARA 484

D. C. Little Rock Oct 29th 65

Page Henry D. C.

Authorizes the purchase of stationary for the current quarter by reason of the inconvenience of shipping the amount

Received Nov. 4th 1865

NARA 6A5

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct 29th 1868.

S. Geisreiter Esq.
Agent. Fountain Hill Arks.

Sir.

Owing to the inconvenience of shipping you your allowance of Stationery for the 4th Quarter 1868 You are hereby authorized to purchase the articles borne on your requisition, as follows.

9. Qrs. Letter Paper. 50. Steel Pens. 6. Pcs. Tape.
3 " Foolscap Paper. 3. Memorandum Book.
100. Envelopes Official 4th 75 Envelopes Letter

I am Sir.
Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt

Disby Officer

NARA ARA

D. O. Little Rock Ark
Nov. 2nd/68

Page Henry D. O.

Sends check No 2447
Desires receipts acknowledged

Receipt acknowledged Nov. 8th 1868.

NARA 687

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

Nov 2d, 1868.

S Geisreiter

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Fountain Hill, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, my check, No. 2447

on the MERCHANT'S NATIONAL BANK, of Little Rock, Arkansas, for Ten

dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

John Terry	10.00

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Henry Page

Disbursing Officer.

D.O. Little Rock
Nov. 11th/68

Page Henry 9.0

Transmits Vouchers of
S. Geisreiters $16.67
L.B. Higgins 6.00
10.00
do
for signature

Received Nov 15th 68

NARA 449

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 11, 1867.

S Generester Esq

Bureau A. F. and A. L.,

Fountain Hill, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

S Generester	*No. 67*
S Burroughs	*" 00*
" 00	*6. 00*

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. All signatures ~~by mark~~ you will please witness.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

Henry Page

Disbursing Officer B. R. F. and A. L.

NARA AIA

P. O. Little Rock
Nov. 24 th 68

Capt Henry P. O

Transmits check
No 2582 in payment
of Vouchers from of
S. R. Wiggins $ 30.15

Receipt acknowledged Nov 28/68

Received Nov. 28 th/68

NARA A11

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

Nov 24, 186 .

S Gierniter

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Fountain Hill Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, my check, No. 2582,

on the MERCHANT'S NATIONAL BANK, of Little

Rock, Arkansas, for Thirty 05

dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

J G Wiggins 30 05

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Henry Page

Disbursing Officer.

NARA A1?

D.C. R.R. Co. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark
Nov 28th 1868

Page Henry D.C.

Transmits certificate of
deficit on open account
of sundry accounts for
Oct & C & C

Received & referred Dec 2nd 68

NARA 613

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

Novr 28, 1868.

S Giesriter

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Fontanelle, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, ~~my check, No.~~ Certificate of deposite in afsn account, on the MERCHANT'S NATIONAL BANK, of Little Rock, Arkansas, for One hundred and seventy two 67/100 dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

S A Lewis	10.00
S Higgins	10.00
S Higgins	6.00
S Giesriter	146 67
	172.67

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant,

Henry Page

Disbursing Officer.

NARA 614

Ref 1461. Ark. 1867

Harrod, Ark.
Nov 21st 1867.
Dec 2 "

Hoasely, Peter
St John, Henry
Hughey, N. H.

States that a man named David Jones holds two colored girls, aged 14 & 16 years, in involuntary servitude. He had them bound to him last spring, giving bonds for $750.00, which bond is of no value on account of its insignificance. The girls have two brothers who are capable and willing to take care of them, and they are anxious to be released from the servitude imposed upon them by said Jones.

NOV 29 1867 LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Head Qrs 2nd Sub. Dist. Ark.
Little Rock Ark Nov. 29. 67

Ens p 349-1721.

Respectfully referred to,
Asst Commissioner
R.F. & A.L. Refugees
By Command of
Bvt Brig Genl C. H. Smith
J. M. Mills
1st Lt & Adjt 28 U.S. Infty

Ref. to Dec 67, a. a.g.

L.R. p 166 = 894 S.S.a

Rec'd H'q's 2nd S.D.A. Nov. 29. 1867

Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Ford Arkansas.
Little Rock, Ark.
Dec 2nd 1867

Respectfully referred to the Agent at Hamburg, Ark, for investigation and report. This to be returned with report endorsed.

By command of
Bvt Brig. Genl. C. H. Smith
Asst Commissioner

J. M. Mills
Actg Asst Adjt Genl

J. 125 ool 67

Hamburg

NARA 615

Warren Bradley Co Ark
Nov 21st 1867

Bvt Brig Genl C H Smith
Commdg Sub Dist of Arkansas
Little Rock.

Sir

We would respectfully call your attention to a case of "involuntary servitude" which exists in this County, in defiance of existing laws on this subject; and ask that steps may be taken to rectify the wrong which is being perpetrated on the subjects of this letter.

A man by the name of David Jones, formerly owner of two colored girls, about the age of fourteen and sixteen years, are yet held by this man, under circumstances which is not warranted by the laws of Congress. Last spring, he went through a sham process of having them bound to him, until they became twenty one years of age, entering into a bond of seventy five dollars for the two (thirty seven and 50/100 dollars each) which bond you will notice is of little account, on account of its insignificance. They have two brothers

NARA AIA

who are capable and willing to take care of them, while in fact the girls are of sufficient age - and are anxious to take care of themselves. This man Jones refuses to let them go, and openly defies the "powers that be" to take them from him. Under the recent decission of Chief Justice Chase, the contract entered into by their former master, and the County Court of this County becomes null and void; and through us they pray for an order releasing them from this "involuntary servitude," and in our opinion - being acquainted with the circumstances - we think it would be an act of justice to the girls to have them liberated.

Very Respty
Your Obedt Servts

Peter Moseley } Registers
Henry St John. }
W W Hughey } Formerly Registers

NARA 617

D. O. R. C. & L.

Little Rock, Dec. 7/61

Page Henry D.C.

Transmits Vouchers
for the Month of November
S. Leisruler 1466
I. B. Higgins 10.00
for signature & to be
returned to his office
for payment

Rec'd Dec. 12/61

NARA A1A

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 7, 1867.

S Greenleaf

Bureau A. F. and A. L.,

Fountain Hill, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

S Greenleaf	*146.67*
S Buffington	*10.00.*

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. All signatures ~~to vouch~~ you will please witness.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

Disbursing Officer B. R. F. and A. L.

NARA 619

D. C. Little & Co.
Dec. 7th 1868

Page Henry D.C.

Transmits draft
No. 2612 in payment
of Vouchers favor of
S. B. Higgins 2030

Answered Dec. 12th 1868

Received Dec. 12th 1868

NARA A2A

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

Dec 7, 1868.

S Ruissiter

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Fountain Hill, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, my check, No. 2619

on the MERCHANT'S NATIONAL BANK, of Little Rock, Arkansas, for Twenty 30/100 dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

A B Wiggins 20 30

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant,

Henry Page

Disbursing Officer.

Roll 10

Target 4

SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Hamburg (Ashley County)

Register of Complaints
Volume 1 (88) Apr. 1866–Nov. 1866

Volume pages were filmed sequentially.
Blank pages were not filmed.

Bonbaeks for Lbs — 8 c
Dockah — — — 15 c
Marriage Fee — — 25 c

Contracts for labor between Whites, Freedmen &c in Ashley County Arkansas, for the year A.D. 1866.

Date	No. of Contracts	No. of Packages	Names of Employers	No. employed Men	Women	Children	Total	Rate per Month Dollars	Rate per Month Cents	Paid on Contract Dollars	Paid on Contract Cents	Expiration of Contract

J. B. Taylor.

Contracts for labor between Whites. Freedmen &c in Ashley County Arkansas for the Year A.D. 1866

Date	No. of Contract	No. of Package	Names of Employers	No. of Freedmen Employed: Men	Women	Children	Total	Rate per Month: Dollars	Cts	Paid on Contract: Dollars	Cts	Expiration of Contract
Aug 7.	1	1	W. H. Simpson	3	5	12	20	¼ crop		1	10	Dec 31 1866
" 17	2	1	John W. Robertson	5	3	3	11	15 00 / 12 50 / 10 00		1	10	" "
" 30	3	1	F. A. Switzell	2	2	3	7	¼ of crop				" "
Sept. 13	4	1	Wiley Jackson	1			1	10 00		50		" "
" 17	5	1	C. R. C. Curtis	2			2	¼ of ¼ Crop		50		"
" "	6	1	C. R. C. Curtis	1			1	"		40		" "
" 19	7	1	Seonadus Griffin	1	1		1	75 cents Hundred		40		Dec 31 1866

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Contracts for Labor between Whites: Freedmen &c. in Ashley County Arkansas. for the year A.D. 1866.

Date 1866	No of Contracts	No of Packages	Names of employers	No of Freedmen employed: Men	Women	Children	Total	Rate per Month: Dollars	cts	Paid on Contract: Dollars	cts	Expiration of Contract	
April 12 for Jany 1st	1	1	William F. McCombs	12	11	=	23	1/4 of Crop		2	50	1866. Dec	31
April 13 for Jany 1st	2	1	S. B. Wiggins		1	=	1	1/2 of Crop		=	30	Dec	31
April 13 for Apr 20th	3	1	Thomas Yarbrough	1	1	=	2	10	00	=	40	Dec	31
April 14 for Jany 15	4	1	Lewis Commack	1	1	=	2	10	25	=	40	Dec	31
April 16 for Jany 1st	5	1	Henry Lee		1	4	5	See Contract 1/20 of the profits		=	70	Dec	31
April 18 for Jany & March	6	1	W. G. Duckworth	1	3	4	8	See contract		1	00	Dec	31
April 20 for Jany 31	7	1	Thomas Yarbrough	2	2	5	9	See Contract		1	10	Dec	31
April 23 for Feb 1st	8	1	Francis A. Boyd	1	=	=	1	1/2 of Crop		=	30	Dec	31
April 23 for Jany 1st	9	1	Jeremiah Dean	1	1	3	5	See Contract		=	70	Dec	31
May 23 for Jany 1st	10	1	A. G. McClendon	1	1	=	2	1/2 of the Crop & 2 children employed		=	40	Dec	31
May 28 for Jany 1st	11	1	David Perkins	3	3	3	9	1/4 Crop		=	90	Dec	31
			Returned as Most of May 1866.							8	70		
June 9th for Jany 1st	12	1	Robert Hill	1	2	2	5	See Contract Part of Crop		=	70	Dec	31
June 12 for Jany 1st	13	1	William E. Kittrell	9	14	9	32			3	40	Dec	31
June 14th for Jany 1st	14	1	J. H. White	1	1	—	2	See contd		=	40	Dec	31
			Returned June 30th 1866.							4	50		

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" 27	2	1	W H Simpson	3	5	12	30	½ cash ½ produce		1	10	Dec 31
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Docket 1866.

Cases

Kepts

United States
Vs
Mr Allison Phippin (white) } April 8th 1866.

1 Complaint has this day been entered at this office to the effect that (2) two colord Children viz — Henry and Ben. Snodden (Orphans of a Negro to Miss Juliana Manda Phippin) are being forcibly detained in the services of your family.

I therefore take early opportunity to advise, that if such is truly the case you immediatly deliver over said colord Children to the Guardianship of their Aunt Juliana Manda Phippin who benevolently offers to care for and attend to their wants - until such time as their Father (if still living) may return - or they be able to care for themselves

Fred A. Jencks
1st Lt Pro Mar. & Supt R. F. & A. L.

Entered and recorded 8 Apl 1866 C. Capt Barker

United States
Vs
Rebecca Scarbrough } March 20th

2 The following accts are left in this office for collection which you will call and settle or show cause why they should not be paid viz —

Rebecca Scarbrough

To Dunca Bull Dr.

1865 To two months work 10.00 in Specie

Rebecca Scarbrough or Adam on Ambrose Bulle Estate

To Alford Bull Dr.

1865 To three months work 30.00

You can pay the above amounts to the parties to whom they are due - taking their Receipts and forward receipts together with this order to this Office

If you do not admit the above acct you will give due notice to the claimants as to what day you will come to the Office

Signed Jerry to - Lt Barker
Asst Q. M. Supt

Docket 1866

Reported

"United States
Vs
Henderson Seek (col'd)"

Ap 19th 3 — It having been represented and clearly proven Ap 20.
in the presence of all parties concerned Hem-Con.
that Henderson Seek (colord) is the father of twin Children,
illegally begotten of him by Miss Lauretta Douglass
(colord) and that he aforesaid Henderson Seek is
about to become the lawful husband of another woman.

It is therfore decided that Henderson Seek
is required to pledge himself by Solemn oath, to
carefully provide for and honorably support the
above mentioned (2) two Children, until they be
considered by Law capable of caring and providing for
themselves.

Fred. A. Fenicle
1st Lt 7th Mar Reg Supt R. 7. Reg't C. L."

Oath administered in above case viz
"Hamburgh Ashley Co Ar Kansas
I hereby solemnly pledge and bind myself
to provide for and honorably support with my
own wages, the twin Children illegally begotten
me by Miss Lauretta Douglass (Colord), until such
times as they be considered by law old enough for
and capable of providing for themselves —
So help me God."

his
(Signed) Henderson X Seek
mark

Sworn and subscribed before me this the 19th of Ap 1866.
Fred. A. Fenicle
1st Lt Supt &c

A true Copy
(Signed) H. H. Hunter
Sergeo D 2d Batt 19. A.C.S. Colrd Trps.

Hamburgh Ashley County Arkansas. 1866.

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Cases

United States
vs.
W. W. Roberts

July 20. 1866.

Complaint having been filed in this Office, that W. W. Roberts. employer of Gofner Roberts "Colored", had dismissed the said Gofner Roberts, before the expiration of his contract, and failed to justly settle up with, and pay the said Gofner Roberts you are hereby required to repair to this Office, and show Cause, why just settlement should not be made, or that such settlement had been made

H Taylor
1st Lieut. Supt. R. F. and A. L.

Personally appeared before me in reference to the above summons, this the 23d. day of July, 1866 W. W. Roberts, and states that he had no contract with the above named Gofner Roberts, but that he employed him for no definite time. That Gofner remained with him for six months at (12) twelve dollars per month, and that when he dismissed him, he settled with him in full, Charging him with the following bill of items:

To Six Months wages @ $12 per month	$ ~~Cents~~	00.
To One coat that Gofner stole	10.00	
To " pair Boots	8.00	
To " Hat. Silver	8.00	
To cash paid on a debt, Gofner	3.00	
To Tool Time and Tattoo	.85	
To Specie Ed + Ct. summons on same.	2.3.15	
	$60.00	60.1

Hamburgh Ashley County Arkansas 1866

Docket

The United States
U. S.
Harbison

Reported

Reported

Complaint having been lain before the Supt of Freedmen for Ashley County, that by threats, and unkind treatment, You have compelled Robert Allen - "Colored", one of Your employees, to leave your Employ, and apply to the Office of the Supt. R.B. F.F. Ed & L. for redress, You are hereby directed to report to the Office of Supt. Freedmen Hamburg Arkansas on Saturday July 28th 1866 and show cause for your treatment of the said Allen, or that the charges of injustice are false.

L.S. Taylor
1st Lieut. Supt. R. Band & L.

Hamburg Ark.
July 28th 1866.

Personally appeared before me on the 30th day of July 1866. Mr. Harbison. No evidence being forwarded to justify the case it was dismissed.

Hamburg. Ashley Co. Arkansas 1866.

Docket.

Cases

The United States

vs.

William Whitlow.

Complaint having been filed at this Office that William Whitlow, did, on or about the 27th of July 1866, Maltreat. Kick and abuse Wanda Womack, a colored woman in his employ, the said William Whitlow is hereby directed to appear at the Office of the Supt. of Freedmen in the Town of Hamburg, Co of Ashley, on Monday, July 30th 1866, and answer to the above charge.

D S Taylor

Pvt. D.A. and Supt. R Faud A L.

Personally appeared before me this the 30th Day of July 1866, the above named parties. No evidence being forwarded sufficient to justify the case, it was dismissed.

Hamburg. Ashley Co. Arkansas

Docket.

Reported

The United States

vs.

Benjamin Adams

Complaint having been made to me by one of your employees that they were wrongfully abused, and their lives threatened on your plantation while at their work. Therefore you are hereby directed to appear at this Office in the town of Hamburg, on Tuesday July 31. 1866, with the two Complainants, and such other parties as are witnesses to the facts, in order that the same may be fully investigated.

I have caused the two complainants to return to their work with the assurance that you as their employer, would protect them from any danger. Should there be actual danger of the complainants being again molested, I rely upon you to report it at once. But confidentially trusting that the whole matter can be satisfactorily explained & amicably adjusted, on Tuesday next.

I am Respectfully.

Yours &c.

L S Taylor

Lt. & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

The relations in the above case having changed, no action will be taken on the within

Hamburg Ashley Co. Arkansas.

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Cases		Reported Cases

The United States

vs.

John Johnson. —

Complaint having been filed in this Office, that J. Noah Moats Citizen, did on or about the 29th day of July, 1866 maltreat, and strike with a chair, one Phil. Sherlin, a colored man in the employ of one John Johnson: The said Noah Moats is hereby directed to appear at this Office in Hamburg, with such witnesses as are known to the facts on Wednesday the 1st day of August 1866 to answer to the charge alleged against him.

A. S. Taylor
Lt. & Supt. R. F. and A. L.

(See letter ——)

[illegible]

Hamburg. Ashley Co Arkansas

Docket.

Reported.

The United States.

vs.

Henry Wells.

Complaint having been filed in this Office that you have returned upon your plantation a colored woman named Maria Wills and her child, without compensation. That you have treated them as still in bondage. That you beat and otherwise abused the woman Maria until she left your plantation For the purpose of having an investigation into the facts in the case you are hereby directed to appear at this Office in Hamburg. on Saturday Aug. 4th 1866, with such witnesses as may be knowing to all the facts.

D. T. Taylor
Lt. & Supt. B. F. and A. L.

Personally appeared before me this the 4th day of Aug. 1866. after an investigation. fined said Wills 15.00/ five dollars, and caused him to settle with the above named Maria Wills. @ $10.00 per month - in full.

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Hamburg Ashley Co Arkansas

Docket

Causes	The United States.	Reporter's Notes

vs.

Henry Sawyer.

Complaint is made to me that you employed one Elizabeth McGee, a colored woman who remained with you six months at 5 dollars pr. month. That by ill treatment you compelled her to leave her work without paying her. You are hereby directed to appear at this Office in Hamburg. and have a settlement, as to the truthfulness of the above statement.

D S Taylor

Lt. & Supt R. F. and A. L.

See letter from Henry Sawyer - on file - numbered "1"

Hamburg. Ashley Co Arkansas

Docket.

The United States.	Reported
vs.	
Jessie Haynes Jr.	

Complaint having been filed in this Office, that Jessie Haynes. Jr. Citizen – did on the 8th day of Aug. 1866. beat and abuse, one Cornelia Haynes. a colored woman in the Employ of Jessie Haynes Sr. The said Jessie Haynes Jr. is hereby directed to appear at this Office, on Friday the 10th day of Aug. 1866. in Hamburg. and bring Greene, and such other witnesses as may be knowing to the case. and answer to the above charge.

Jessie Haynes Jr. appeared but one of the witnesses. Green was sick and could not attend. and that I by his Excuse granted him a postponement. I visited the Plantation and by proof of witnesses learned that the witnesses had been intimidated prevented from coming. The result of the proof & the further investigation

D S Taylor
Lieut & Supt B F & A L.

Hamburg Ashley Co. Arkansas

Docket.

Cases

The United States

vs.

Thomas Ford

Complaint having been filed in this Office that Thomas Ford Colgch. did on the 13th day of August 1866. at his plantation 8 miles East from the City of Hamburg. beat and abuse a colored boy. in his employ. by name Jacob. The said Thomas Ford is hereby directed to appear at this Office. at Hamburg. on the evening of the 13th day of Aug. 1866. bringing with him one Wesley. Colored. and such other witnesses as may be knowing to the facts, to answer to the above charge.

A S Taylor
1st Lt. 6th Supt. R. Fand & L.

Witnesses failing to appear on the above set the case will proceed. the complainant disappointed, and no further notice taken

Hamburg Ashley Co Arkansas

Docket.

The United States vs. Col. Frank Clark.	Reported.

Complaint having been filed in this Office at Hamburg that on the 27th of August 1866. you caused to leave your plantation in Ashley Co. without pay one Mary Buttons a colored woman in your employ. You are hereby directed to appear at this Office in Hamburg. Ashley Co on Tuesday the 4th day of Sept. 1866 to answer to the above Charge.

You will also cause to appear as witnesses in this case Wm. Edmondson and Kemp Smith "Colored"

L S Taylor
1st Lt. & Supt. R F and A L.

Personally appeared before me Frank Clark. this the 4th day of September 1866. after due investigation it is decided that the said Mary Buttons be restored to the Complainant.

Hamburg Ashley Co. Arkansas

Docket

Cases		Reported
	The United States vs. I. S. Buford &	

Sir: Complaint having been filed in this Office, on the 11th day of September 1866: you have caused to leave your plantation two Colored Employees, Mary Shufort and her Child Ellen Shufort. without a fair Settlement with the Mother for the wages of the Child. You are hereby directed to appear at this Office in the town of Hamburg Arkansas on Tuesday the 18th day of September 1866. to answer to the complaint.

A. J. Taylor
1st Lieut. A. A. & A. L.

Sept 13. - Case deferred to Sept. 27th 1866.
Parties appeared this the 27th day of Sept. 1866 Counsels Driggen - partner for I. S. Buford. There being no Contract effected by the Bureau existing between the parties, it was decided that the above parties (counsel Driggen for I. S. Buford, should pay the aforesaid Mary Shufort Eighteen dollars per month for her services, & six (6) dollars for her Child Ellen, being the highest wages paid. Settlement made and notes given for same, and $21.35.

Hamburg Ashley Co. Arkansas

Docket.

Reported

The United States

vs.

B. H. Carlisle

Sir. Complaint having been filed at this Office, that you have by a course of unjust treatment caused the wife of Alexander Sawyer, a Freedman to leave your place in your employ, That you are endeavoring to cause the said Alexander Sawyer to leave also, you are hereby directed to report to this Office in Hamburg Arkansas on the 17th inst. to answer to the above charge

A. J. Taylor

1st Lt. & Supt R. F. & A. L.

By mutual consent the Contract existing between Alex Sawyer & B. H. Carlisle is this day dissolved. Alex Sawyer is to gather the crops when necessary and then and there have a fair division

Hamburg Ashley Co. Arkansas

Docket.

Cases	
The United States vs. B. F. Lester	Sir: Complaint having been filed in this Office, that you have retained on your plantation, without pay or remuneration, a colored woman named Ann Lester. you are hereby required to appear at this Office in the Town of Hamburg, on the 22d day of September 1866, to adjust the above complaint. D. T. Taylor 1st Lt. & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Personally appeared in accordance to with the foregoing summons B. F. Lester after an investigation, the said Lester is hereby agreed to pay the said "Ann" $10. per month for the balance of the year 1866, and further agrees to assume the responsibility of her enlistment which will take place in a short time — which being satisfactory the case is dismissed.

Hamburg. Ashley Co. Arkansas

Docket

The United States

vs.

Derrie Calloway Col'd

Reported

Sir. Complaint having been filed at this Office that you have threatened the life of Rufus Whilton (Col'd) - you are hereby directed to appear at this Office in Hamburg on Tuesday Sept- 26th 1866 to answer to the said charge. The following named parties are also hereby directed to report at the same time and place as witnesses in the Case

Pomp Pippin
Henry Matthews

J Taylor
1st Lt & Supt- R F & A L

Personally appeared before me this the 25th day of September 1866 and after an investigation, if ap- pearing that the said Derrie Calloway, did threaten the life of the said Rufus Whilton, it is decided that the said Derrie Calloway be held to furnish his Entire years wages to the United States, in case he does not keep the peace, and in no way molest the said Rufus Whilton

J Taylor
1st Lt & Supt- R F & A L

Hamburg Ashley Co Arkansas

Docket.

Cases
Sept 24 d 1866

The United States

vs.

Benjamin Morris

Complaint being made at this Office, that Martha Nolan, a colored woman worked for You four months, and that by unjust treatment you caused her to leave without settlement or pay. You are hereby directed to appear at this Office in town of Hamburg on Saturday Oct 6th 1866, prepared to settle with the said Martha Nolan, or show cause why such settlement should not be made.

A Taylor
1st Lt. & Supt R.F. & A.L.

Personally appeared before me on this 4th day of October 1866 the above named Benjamin F. Morris and Requested an investigation, and the Complainant Martha Nolan Colored also appearing an investigation was had, and after the adjustment of accounts, it was found that the said B. F. Morris was Stile indebted to the said Martha Noland Col for which he executed his note Payable one day after date.

A Taylor
1st Lt. & Supt of R. F. & A. L.

Hamburg Ashley Co Arkansas

Docket.

Cases		Reported
Sept. 26. 1866	The United States vs. Pinkney Lee	

Complaint having been filed at this Office that you did beat and otherwise abuse Martha Lee a colored woman in your employ thereby causing her to leave your plantation without pay or settlement: you are hereby directed to appear at this Office in Hamburg Ark. on Friday the 28th day of Sept- 1866. prepared to settle in full, or show cause why such settlement should not be made.

P. Taylor
1st Lt. & Supt R F & A L.

Hamburg Ashley Co Ark's

Docket.

Cases	The United States
	vs.
Sept. 26.	William Staples

Sir: Complaint having been filed at this Office, that one Emmanuel Wilson and family without a fair Settlement and pay. You are hereby directed to appear at this Office in Hamburg Ark's on Saturday Sept 27th to answer to the above Charge

Personally appeared before me on this the 26th day of Sept, 1866 William Vaughen. A fair Settlement was compelled, in which it appeared that by Mistake Charges the said Wm Staples had caused the aforesaid Emanuel Wilson to lose the Sum of $39.63— A settlement was made by note in accordance with the above facts.

D F Tuggle
1st Lieut 16th U S C Infty A A A G

Lamburg Ashley Co. Ark

Docket

Hannah Roberts Col. Plff } Office Supt. of B.
Vs } R. F. and A. L.
Samuel B. Wiggins Deft } Oct. 13th 1866

Mr. S. B. Wiggins,

You are hereby required to appear at this office on the 15th Inst. to answer the Complaint of Hannah Roberts, to such things as may be objected against you

Respectfully &c
D. Taylor
1st Lt & Supt of B. R. F & A. L.

Oct 15th 1866, Personally appeared before me on this day the parties above named and after hearing the evidence adduced, bearing upon the appraised Contract of the parties, to wit, the Complainant was to plant and cultivate Six acres of land receive one half the Product and pay to the Deft eight Dollars per month for a house on the premises, and it appearing by the testimony that the Complainant had honestly and earnestly to Comply with her Contract in planting said land in Cotton, Corn and potatoes and tending the same as well as the seasons would permit up to the time of laying by the same when the defendant did without Cause or provocation turn his Mules and horses in upon the Crop which was then destroyed by them, and it further appearing from the evidence that Complainant, part of said Crop had it not been injured would be worth Thirty four Dollars

It is therefore Considered and adjudged that the said Complainant allow the said Deft the sum of Thirty four Dollars to be deducted from said Rents to which said Complainant has agreed

D Taylor
1st Lt & Supt of Bureau
of R F & A L

Hamburg Ashley Co. Ark's

Docket

Isabella Simpson Col'd Plff
vs. Assault & Battery
Wm H. Simpson Deft

Office Supt of
Bureau of R. F. & A.
Oct 27th 1866

Wm H. Simpson,

You are hereby
required to appear at this office on the
29th Inst to answer the Complain of Isabella
Simpson (one of your Colored employees) to a
Charge of Assault and Battery

Respectfully &
I S Taylor
1st Lt & Supt of Bureau
of R F and A L

Oct 29th 1866, Personally appeared before me
on this day the above named Plaintiff and
Defendant and Mr Simpson admitting the
Charge and pleading the aggravation of
the Deft in extenuation of the same which
the defendant admitted.

It is therefore Considered that
the said Deft pay to the U. S. a fine
of Five Dollars which is accordingly done

I S Taylor
1st Lt & Supt of B of R F
and A L.

1866
Nov 13th

Henry Danniels, et. al (colored)
Per
William Danniels

Complaint having been made at this Office that you have decoyed Three of your Colored employees viz Henry Danniels Rachal & Aba Danniels Without pay or Settlement You are Hereby Summoned to appear at this Office in the Town of Hamburg County of Ashley State of Arkansas on Tuesday November 13th 866 prepared to Settle in full with the above parties or show cause why such Settlement should not be made

B. F. Taylor
Lieut 15th U.S.C. Supt B R F & A L

Henry Noble (colored) et.al.
Ver
Nov 12 | Archabald Noble

Complaint having been m
to this office that you have worked & hands o
you plantation without contract during th
past year and that you have repeatedly ord
them during the year and finally dro
off Henry Noble colored without pay
or settlement you are hereby commanded
to appear at this office in the Town of Ho
burg Ark on Monday the 12th day of No
ber 1866 with Thomas Noble (colored) an
other witnesses knowing to the above
facts prepared to answer to the above
charge

A J Taylor
Chief 1st D R C Supt B R F & A L

Personally appeared before me this 12th day
of November 1866 Archabald Noble | affi
a hearing of the evidence in the ca
and a due weighing of the same
is decided that the said Archabald
Noble forfeit & pay to the U.S ; th
sum of $10.00 Ten dollars and
settle and pay the hands on his p
the highest wages paid hands in
the County for such services as
may have rendered

Ben Ford & Edom Ford (colored)

vs

Thomas J Ford

Thomas J Ford you are hereby Summoned to appear at this Office in the Town of Hamburg County of Ashley State of Arkansas on Saturday November 10th 1866 To Answer to the Complaint of Ben & Edom Ford Two Colored Employees in your employ in the Year 1866 Whom you have failed To pay."

H Taylor
1st Lieut 13th USC Supt B R F & A L

Nov 10/66 | Mary Ann Colbert (colored)
vs
William Pool

Complaint having been made at this Office That you have disrespected my Order to pay or settlement Mary Ann Colbert a colored woman in your employ

You are hereby Summoned to appear at this office in the Town of Hamburg on Saturday Nov 10th 1866 prepared to settle in Full or show cause why such settlement should not be made

D. D. Taylor
Lieut 15th V.R.C. & Supt B.R.F.A.A.

Personally appeared before me this 10th day of November 1866 William Pool. This evidence adduced showing that Ann Colbert had worked for said William Pool. and rendered unsatisfactory service. Said Pool had told her to leave & she has done so. It is decided that the said William Pool settle with Ann Colbert paying her $5.00 per month Settlement made and note given for $17.30

Record of Marriages of Freedmen in Ashley County State of Arkansas during the year A.D. 1866.

No.	Names of parties married				Date of Marriage	By whom	Fees collected Dollars	Cts
1	Saml Washington	24	Mary Ann Thomas	22	Sep 16	Saml J. Cook. J. P.	=	50
2	Sam Stewart	50	Adaline Crook	30	" 22	Saml J. Cook J. P.	=	50
3	Abraham Carpenter	34	Mary Carpenter	25	" 26	Saml J Cook JP	=	50
4	Henderson Seal	23	Sarah Neal	19	" 26	Saml J Cook JP	=	50
			Returned as Record of May 1866.				2	00
5	Docker Henry	22	Dolly Adams	23	June 7	Saml J. Cook	=	50
6	William Brannum	50	Rebecca Spears	53	June 10	Saml J. Cook	=	50
7	Reuben Anthony	22	Lucinda Wilcombs	20	June 10	Saml J. Cook	=	50
			Returned June 30 th 1866.				1	50
			Lieut I. S. Taylor.					
			Commencing Aug. 14, 1866.					
1	James Thacker	23	Louisa Fills	21	Aug 10. 1866.	Saml J Cook J.P.		
2	Henry McIntosh	25	Hannah Wilson	23	Sep 2/66	" " " "		
3	Miley Davis	30	Martha Nolan	20	" 14/66	" " " "		
4	Samuel Smith	22	Susan Rasberry	15	Aug 8th 1866	E. Thach "		
5	Hector Drayton	63	Milly Drayton	40	Sept 26th	Saml J. Cooke J.P.		
6	Person Robinson	30	Lucy Killian	22	" 7th	T. S. Watkins J.P.		
7	Glenton Polite	30	Maria Morton	17	Oct 6 1866	H. W. Wade J.P.		
8	Charles McCannah	25	Flora Herron	26	Nov 17th	James M Fisher J.P.		
9	Anderson Good	27	Mary Good	30	Dec 3/66	Samuel J Cook		
10	Nelson Jackson	30	Jane McShane	23	Dec 23/66	W.P. Ketchand M.G.		
11	Charles Simpson	45	Mary Ann Jackson	35	Nov 23/66	" " "		
12	Rad Hadley	22	Matilda Rodgers	20	Jan 12/66	Frank Hazard J.P.		
13	Stephen Lankford	38	Amey Green	30	Dec 27/66	J. L. Pugh J.P.		
14	Rufus Whitlow	30	Francis Calloway	30	Jan 6/66	" " "		
15	Ralph Smedley	32	Eliza Moore	30	Dec 31/66	Samuel J Cook J.P.		
16	Redick Simons	35	Silia Rachon	30	" 31/66	J. L. Pugh "		
17	Samuel Lawson	35	Sarah Howard	33	Dec 27/66	" "		

Parties having lived together as man and wife six years prior to marriage.

Roll 10

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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Hamburg (Ashley County)

Register of Complaints
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Mary Daniels
1 pr Shoes at Bairds
Cash handed me
at dif times
Cash handed me
Postage Letters

Cash
2 & B Mason
$2.40
1.00
5.00
.20

Pine Bluff Arkansas
September 3rd 1865

We the following named members of Co "E" 13th Regt
Iowa Ill Vols do submit the following Statement.
To All whome it may concern

I Joseph Shiver Corp Co "E" 13th Regt Ill Iowa was
act Com Sergt of Co "E" 13th Ill Iowa while Stationed
at Monticello Ark Capt E. G. Barker then Provost
Marshal Supt Freedmen Refugees & Abandoned Lands
at Monticello Ark requested me to receive and
Issue Rations for him while I was at Monticello.
I complied and on the 5th day August I receed
what I supposed to be 650. Rations I weighed the
60# Sugar 45# Beans 45# Rice 4# Soap there was four bbls of
Flour half bbl Rye Coffee one cask Meat and about
95 lbs over six pounds Candles salt and other things
in proportion.

Joseph Shiver Sergt of Co E 13 Ill Iowa

I Jesse Boyce Sergt Co "E" 13th Ill Iowa was in
charge of the wagon that Transported the above rations
from Pine Bluff Ark to Monticello Ark and I
~~can~~ do swear that there was no rations taken from
said wagon while in my charge Jesse Boyce

I Wm Atkins Co "E" 13th Regt Ill Cav was Detailed as Clerk in the Office of Provost Marshal &c at Monticello Ark. and give the orders for the issue of said Rations and I am confident that there was not over 650 Rations received at that date August 5th 1865.
I think as the return called for 1300 Rations (Contrabands) the Com issued them in full Rations (650.) and thereby made the issue as 1300 full Rations.

Wm K Atkins Co "E" 13th Ill Cav

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 3rd day of September one thousand Eight hundred and Sixty five at Pine Bluff Ark.

W. N. Cole
Adjutant 13th Regt Ill Cavalry
Pine Bluff Ark.

Rations Rec'd Per Capt E. G. Barker. Supt Freedmen and Provost-Marshal at Monticello Drew County Ark for the year 1865

August	5th "	No Rations Rec'd	650
Sept'r	15 "	" " "	1000
Oct'o	12 "	" " "	930

No Rations.

Money Date	Received in Office at Hamburg To Whom + By Whom —		7
May 20/64	By B W. DeGampart		
" " +	for George Gee	#15. Paid p. Receipt +	15 50
+	for Natt Gee 3 Shares	pd p. Rect 20" +	47 50
		for Rec't 27.50	
May 20/64	By Battle Eatmens		
	for Lourden Mott ..	pd p. Receipt +	15 40
May " " +	for Kemp Smith —	pd p. Receipt +	8 64
Jun 2 "	By Thos. Carlock		
	C R C. Curtis "		26 00
Jun 4 "	By W. B. DeGampart		
	to James Simmons —		
	pd for Cotton. #10 —	#10 pd p. Receipt. +	1 00
Jun 6 "	By. F. A. Sentzer		
	to Silen. McHenry —		2 50

Abstract of Provisions issued to Contrabands and destitute Families at Marietta Drew County Ark for the year A.D. 1865-66

Capt. E. G. Barker Provost Marshal & Supt. Freedmen

1865	No. Returned	No. Men	No. Women	No. Children	Total	No. Days	Commenced	Ended	Rations: Bacon	Flour	Beans	R. C. Coffee	Rations: Sugar	Rice	Salt	Soap	Pepper	Hard Bread		Total Amt. Rations issued	Remarks
Aug 5th	1	"	5	10	15	10	Aug 5th	Aug 15th	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100			
		"	2	"	2	6	" 17th	" 13th	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12			
		4	6	21	31	15	" 15	" 31st	307	307	307	307	307	307	307	307	307	307			
		"	1	4	5	14	" 17	" 31st	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42			
		2	4	"	6	14	" 17	" 31st	84	84	84	84	84	84	84	84	84	84			
		3	2		5	11	" 19	" 31st	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44		589	
	2	3	7	18	28	15	Sept 1st	Sept 15	285	285	285	240	285	285	285	285	285	285		No	
		3	7	18	28	15	" 15	" 30	285	285	285	240	285	285	285	285	285	285		Rations	
		1	"	"	1	25	" 5	" 30	25	25	25	"	25	25	25	25	25	25		issued	
		1	1	3	5	15	" 15	" 30	52	52	52	"	52	52	52	52	52	52		Sept	Refugees
		"	1	3	4	11	" 20	" 30	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20			"
		6	"	"	6	8	" 25	" 28	18	18	18	"	18	18	18	18	18	18		685	
	3	3	14	24	44	15	Octo 1st	Octo 15	480	480	480	480	480	480	480	480	480	480		Octo	
		"	3	"	3	11	" 21	" 31	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30		510	Refugees
								February 1866													
	1	1	1		2	20	Feb 1st	Feb 10th	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20		Returned	Man old & Policed
	"	1	1		2	18	" 10	" 28th	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36		Feb 24th	Woman old & blind
	"		1		1	31	" 12	March 13	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31		1866	Fine with no Foot
	"	1			1	31	" 19	" 20	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31			Boy badly frozen
	"	3			3	2	" 25	Feb 25	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6		Total 124	Soldiers off on duty &
								April 1866													Their Rations out
Apl 1st		1			1	30	Apl 1st	Apl 30	30		30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30			
" 3d			1		1	30	" 3d	May 3d	30		30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30		Total 60	Boy badly frozen and ill
																					Fine with no Foot
								May 1866													
May 12	1	1			1	11	May 12	May 23	11		11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11		Total 11	Refugees
June 16	1								1311											1311	Det of 2 Batt 19th Ind Infty Stationed Hamburg Ark

maps included in June Returns

Office Genl Supt B R F & A L
Monticello Ark
January 19th 1867

Special Order
No. 1

I Alex Thomas col'd being recognized as the legal protector & guardian of his two sisters Sylvia & Mary Thomas aged 14 & 10 years respectively & having this day entered into a contract for the labor of himself and two sisters to work during the year 1867 for W J Barrow of Drew Co Ark

Therefore John Thomas of Drew County Ark will deliver the girl Sylvia Thomas col'd (who he forcably took & carried away from W J Bowen on the 19th day of January 1867) to the peaceable possession of W J Barrow of the aforsaid county & state

Fail not to comply with this order
(Signed) El Baker Cap & AAG
Genl Supt Freedmen.

To
John Thomas.

1	Hamelton Courtney Ars Frank Clark. See L.B 88 See C.L.B. 19	Feb 9" 1867 Frank Clark failed to appear. Too late in the evening for trial. Case postponed till Saturday Feb. 17/67 Feb 17" 1867 Clark again failed to appear turned the case over to Civil Officer. May 4"/67 Hamelton failed to get summons to clerk. Case postponed to May 11th
2	Jesse Pugh Colored. See L B 92	March 13" 1867 No appearance No action taken
3	Bob Thompson Colored See L B 94 See Misp File "B"	Feb 8" 1867 Clothes delivered according to order
4	Bettie Bell Colored See L B 98	Feb 20" 1867 The parties having this boy who reside on Bayou Bartholomew refused to give him up to the mother Sent a Squad of Soldiers and Compelled parties to give him up

Samuel Guffin 5 See L B 105	Feb 24/67 This Child is in Louisana just over the line Guffin took the order but became alarm for his safety When within a few mile of the Jeanse where his child is He returned for me but young no how to send a guard with him The matter rests for the present.	
Henry Rigan H W Wade 6 See L B 104	Feb 8th 1867 Neather party appeared no settlement made	
Mariah Cheeks J L McGampert 7 See L B 105 & 106 See Misc File 11 & 12	Feb 21st 1867 By mutual Consent this Boy breaks his contract and remains with his mother	

8	Jackson Smith Hamilton Hope See L B 00	March 16/67 Hope came to day to the Office drunk having with him a Young man unknown to me he was armed I had Two soldiers present for protection. After a stormy struggle during which I received several insults from the Drunken brute. and to quit the fellow ordered my men to take their arms which cooled his drunken ardor. I effected a settlement & Payment of the colored boy.
9	Mariah Noland Richard Lock See L B 112 See C B 0 See Misc File 16	March 17th 1867 Lock admit that the cotton belonged to Mariah Noland. Lock is peremptorily Notified April 25/67 Finding the cotton had been sold & that its proceeds were still in the hands of R M Dickerson & Co I ordered Dickerson to pay it over to Mariah which he did
10	State of Arkansas vs ——— Rose George Irvin James Morris See Fords Affidavit See L B 114	March 5th 1867 Forwarded affidavit of Ford to Judge Harrison of Drew county. Sent 3 soldiers to assist Ford in getting his effects & children got them and returned to this county.

11	Sarah Stem G W Whitlow See L B 116		March 12th/67 Contract changed to the name of and hands to be controlled by William Whitlow. with distinct understanding that further injustice will forfeit the Contract
12	Jane Haynes Jane Haynes See L B 117		March 12/67 Another party appeared. no settlement effected
13	Patience Simpson William Simpson See L B 118		March 13/67 Settled by mutual agreement
14	Sarah Pittsell Joseph Murphey		March 14/67 Sarah called for settlement of services of her daughter for part of 66/ Settled for 2½ months at $8. per month. charged 22 days last time. due Sarah $4.33/100

15	Jack Allen Estate Mrs S Mimberly		March 7/67 Jack Allen colored claims that his wife worked for Mrs S Mimberly in the latter part of 1865 The agreement being that Mrs Mimberly was to find cloth & medicate his wife. Soon after she began work she took sick and went to Dr J D Locks for medical treatment where she remained to the close of the year. Jack claims that Mrs Mimberly sent his wife to Dr Locks for medical treatment. and that he Jack has paid Dr Locke $34 for this Dr Bill which he now acted to recover from the Mimberly Estate G W Mimberly as administrator appeared to day & claims that no agreement to pay Locks Wife Dr Bill was in the contract. continued till Monday March 11 67/ To enable the procuring of evidence March 23th/67 Jack Allen vs Estate Mrs S Mimberly Jack files an answer and that it cannot set up a set off. agreement to pay the Dr Bill was a part of the Mimberly Estate and therefore discontinues the suit

No	Name of Parties	Complaint	Action taken
16	Henry Bays Garrison Cain.	Bays assaulted Cain with his gun. Bays says he does because Garrison threw a chair at him but Cain says that it was because he Cain would not permit Bays to collect and use money that was coming to him from J. M. Seach. Bays intended to shoot Cain but George Barlow came up and he struck Cain over the head knocking the blood out of his ears and nose and knocking him senseless he attended him for several weeks. In settlement Bays charged Cain Cost Suit & Rations to the amount of $82. most of which was caused by this blow. The negro thought as Bays never discharged his treatment to me. altho I made the settlement and when I protested that the charge of last time was enormous Cain still kept still. and I allowed the claim ignorant of the facts.	March 11/67 Reported to me by Mr J———— a white man Says Bays is a very bad man. Bays lives about 6 miles below Poplar Bluff on the East side of Bayou Bartholomew. Garrison Cain is at Dr Affords same neighborhood. Took place last fall March 14/67 Turned over to civil officers.
	Witnesses Garrison Cain " Milley Cain " George Barlow " Dr S. L Moore " Page.		
See L B 121			

No	Parties	Complaint	Action taken
16	Fanny Green John Shearrer	Shearrer Whipped Fanny for who was gone in family way until she lost her child from the effects of the Whipping. Also Whipped he son a boy 10 years old did the Whipping because Fanny insulted his wife. Character of insult not known except the Negros no-mans own statement That she refused to go into Mrs Shearrers yard. because Mrs Shearre said she did not want Fanny on the yard Fanny replied "If you dont want my boy you dont want me". Mrs Shearrer has the reputation of being a woman of very low character. As it is asserted she cohabit regularly with one Dr Page. who seems to have entirely superceeded Shearrer as husband. Shearrer is a man of very bad character throughout the neighborhood. Is represented as a hog Thief. Fanny was in employ of Dr Page	Nov — 1866 Fanney Green Reported this case to me in person. I told her to keep quiet until I could take some action. as I had no traps or horses. then. On the same day I called the attention of the Constable of the Township to the matter. Feb 27. 1867 Yesterday I met Squire Calhoun at house of Mr Kennedy. He informed me that Shearrer came to him personally and desired an investigation of the case. that the day was set for trial but that Fanney had no witnesses. I sent to Mr Robinson to day took Fannies Affidavit and summoned the names of Witnesses as follows to Squire Calhoun. Fanney Green Josephen Robinson Joseph Daniels. — at Harris Place Hannah Hawley — at Daniel Norman + Gum Ridge = While at Robinson. Mr Robinson urged me to be cautious telling me he feared Shearrer would kill Fanney. For he had said to him. That he believed the best way to get out of the scrape was to "shoot the damned Bitch" and had proposed to him Robinson that he believed he would do it but that Robinson had urged him not to do so. These facts Robinson told me in confidence. March 12/67 Mr Thomas informs me Shearrer has decamped.
	Fanny is at John Robinsons Shearrer lives at Poplar Bluff		
See Fanny Green Affidavit			
See L B 124			

18	State of Ark'o vs. J. C. Lumbon	Assaulted John Turner & followed him with his gun. Struck at him did not hit him. John runs & the words Lumbon followed did not find him. Lumbon drew his knife across John mothers throat cursed her because she went off the place on sunday which she had the right to do as she is making for part of the crop. John defended his mother and Lumbon assaulted him with a rail. John then run off. Lumbon followed him in the morny after & the assault with gun took place in the Commissaries yard	March 13th/67 Invited attention of Squire John Cook to case Cook. Sam Griffin's affidavit & see file &
	lives a few miles from Portland. Witnesses Commissary John Turner Sam. Griffin do See Misc File No 14"		March 15. 1867 Lumbon was brought before Squire Cook who fined him ten dollars & cost. I determined not to enforce contract as the negroes express fears of personal injury & therefore refused to compell the Negro to return to work. Apl 13th/67 By mutual consent all the parties on the contract except the boy John agree to remain & comply with contract Lumbon agreeing to do justice to the hands

No	Names Pobs	Complaint	Action taken
20	James Hill Harriett Hill	Harriett Hill left James Hills and went to her husbands at Mr Pieces. as was proven by Parson Pitchard & a colored boy neither case. or for some time of complaint against Mrs Hill.	March 8th/67 I sent Sergt Green with orders to take Harriett back to her employers. and to bring her husband to me. The husband came. accompanied by his employer Price It turns out the matter was a neighborhood quarrell. between Hill & Price. and that the woman had had trouble with Mrs Hill. & persuaded by outside parties to me unknown had quit her employer. I compelled her to comply with. and remain according to contract.
21	Samuel & Scott.	Samuel complains that his hands are leaving time. and wishes to charge last time & Rations.	March 9th/67 decided that last time & Rations cannot be charged as in the contract there is a stipulation that Employers may hire hands to perform labor when Employees fail from neglect & sickness. But as all the time belongs to Employer he may charge last time for time lost that is outside the crop. but cannot charge rations as the hands furnish themselves.

22	[redacted] Lot Talley	Lemm — a black boy about 13 years old came to me nearly barefoot and in rags complains that Lot Talley a white man in their employ his mother had placed him & bared him because he would not lift a log heavier than he was able.	March 14/67 sent the boy to Mr. Jason Million to employ him until I should see further about the matter March 23 Mother came to this office & gave ...
23	William Murphey Sarah Stem William Whitlow See Ag M.B.M.B.	Sarah Stem claims that she never authorized her name to be put upon Wm Whitlow contract. declares to hire to a black man on Mr Murphys place. and does not wish to remain on Mr Whitlows place	March 16" decided that as I was knowing to the fact that Sarah did not sign the contract personally. and gave no legal authority to any one to sign for her name, she is not bound by the contract but is at liberty to go and contract with who ever she pleases. Sarahs name was placed on the contract by Mr Riggins in my absence he doing it by direction of the employer and a colored man who represented that Sarah was willing to have it done
23			directed Sarah to see either Whitlow and inform him that she could not live with him
25	Lewis Cammack Simon Ford See C & B Ags vi. c	Ford claims that Cammack hired him in the fall of 66 and kept him at work 6 weeks then discharged him without pay	

22	[redacted] Lot Talley	Lemon a black boy about 13 years old came to me nearly barefoot and in rags complains that Lot Talley a white man in whose employ his mother had placed him stured him because he would not lift a log heavier than he was able.	March 14/67 sent the boy to Mr. Jason Millican to employ him until I should see further about the matter March 23 Mother came to this office & gave satisfactory [illegible]
23	William Murphey Sarah Stem William Whitlow See Bd MB.	Sarah Stem claims that she never authorized her name to be put upon Wm Whitlow contract. declares to hire to a black man on Mr Murphys place. and does not wish to remain on Mr Whitlows place	March 16" decided that as it was learning to the fact that Sarah did not sign the contract personally. and gave no legal authority to any one to sign for her name, she is not bound by the contract but is at liberty to go and contract with whoever she pleases. Sarahs name was placed on the contract by Mr Riggins in my absence he doing it by direction of the employer and a colored man who represented that Sarah was willing to hire & she
23			Directed Sarah to see either Whitlow and inform him that she could not live with him
25	Lewis Cammack Simon Ford See B & B Bk 5 in. c	Ford claims that Cammack hired him in the fall of 66 and kept him at work 6 months then discharged him without pay	

			March 19	
26	John Avant Frank Hayard Witnesses John Avant Lucy Avant Tom Fisher see Affidavit of John & Lucy Avant	John Avant complains that Frank Hayard assaulted him with a pistol striking him on three blows over the head knocking him down and badly cutting his head Hayard complains that John Avant abused his wife and that the went to him to protect her and that he Hayard dismounted the assault upon John because he had abused his (Johns) wife.	Turned the case over to Civil Officers Esq. Sam J Cook issued Warrant and had Hayard arrested. At Hayards investigation John Avant was also arrested. March 30/67 case tried before Esq Robt Clide Hayard cleared on the ground that what he did was justifiable. Keeps Bound on a bond of $100 to keep the peace	
27	S L Moore Glaster Montgomery	Glaster a colored Boy 12 or 16 years old complains that Mrs. S L Moore Beat him over the head and arms with a fire shovel. and that Mrs Moore has not paid him for services in 66"		

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28	Mrs Kerr and Norwood	Kerr complains that Mrs Norwood struck a whip from him valued at $1.25/100	Directed Kerr to carry his case before the Civil magistrate
29	E Harrell	Harrell complains that a colored woman agreed to work on his place and had left it. asked to have contract enforced.	April 1/67 On investigation it appears that the colored Women Brother in law hired to Harrell and agreed to furnish so many hands. on going for the hands the Negroes found that the father of the hands had come from New Orleans and took part of them away and he could not get them. The Women in question are of the hands but the men said to work

			either for Harvell a the colored man & had never sign the contract. nor made any agreement in the matter. I decided that the Harvell had no claim to enforce the woman to work for him without she now agrees to do so
30	S Lambert. John Simpson	John complains that Mr Lambert settled unfairly with him L. C L B. 7. See C L B 8	April 4/67 Lambert failed to appear case deferred to April 8th/67 April 8th/67. Settlement made S Lambert due John Simpson Col, $13.75
31	Hudgens R W Jane Simpson	Mother complains that she has not been paid for service of child See C L B to 2	March 25. Referred to three disinterested parties for adjustment Parson Kitchand Chorsley Burean. April 12/67 Referees refused to act. Case

			carred to civil Officers by Hudgens suing for damages April 26/67 On coming to trial to day Hudgens. proposed to pay the woman $9. pay all costs & dismiss the suit & the case was so adjusted.
32	Hill Robt Simion Matters	Simion complains that settlement for himself & bonds in Hills employ has not been made See C L B No 3	March 20th 1867 Neather party appeared No settlement made
33	Sumner David Calvin Davis	Complaint for settlement in 1866 See C L B = 6 =	April 4th 1867 Neather party appeared to settlement made April 6th 1867 Settlement made Sumner owned cabin $144.25 which he paid as follows Note for six months $78; Order on Peter on 3-0 " " 19.25 1st order payable to day the other as soon as settlement

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34	Lewis Buffington Jackson Crumley Witnesses Sallie Crumley Sallie Millson Lucy Buffington See Mf. File No 18	Lewis Crumley assaulted Jackson Crumley With a piece of a rail. Parties reside on the Woodson Chrestion Plantation	visited Plantation Summond a Jury of Three colored men named Jefferson Harris Ralph Hankis Henry Terry The evidence was carfully Braught before the Jury who were then Charged to retire and myke the matter and if in their judgment no money was committed they might acquit if on the contrary a case of Assault was proven they were to assess the punishment which could be a fine of not les than one nor more than $20. After an absence of 20 minutes they returned a verdict of guilty of assault & fined Lewis $2 10/100 which fine was devided among the jurors.

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35	J P Harberson vs Nathan Duckworth see C L B 9	Nathan left the Plantation and went to drew Co. where he hired to Henry Burks. thereby violating his Contract "	On investigation it appears that the cause of Nathans leaving was that he had invaded the Marital relations of one of his fellow servants who escaperated there at threatened to see him & thus frightened him off. I gave Mr Harberson an order to go after Nathan and bring him Back. See April 12/67 Boy obtained and returned to work.
36	Mary J Millson vs W H Morgan see E. R " C B No 11	Mary complains that Morgan threatens to shoot her.	April 7/67 Evidence failed to make a case. to threats being proven Dismissed the Case

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37	Lewis Hargap John V McCollock Le & R R & C B No 2	Lewis complains That Mr McCollock has failed to comply with Contract in that he has not furnished teams tools & supplies That Mrs McCollock set the dogs on Lewis Wife & that his family is abused why much	Case investigated Evidence clearly shows That the supplies have not been furnished. Has failed to make a clear case of grievous abuse as it seems that the trouble was a common wrangle Decided That McCollock must at once procure the supplies, & run the place or forfeit his contract and pay the Agrees Damages.	McCollock Def for the 33d Day of January Referees Chosen by Agt B R for Ats J. J. Willis Jell. Gorham Jno. Hill Decided Feby 6th 1868 That John V McCollock pay Lewis Hargap $40.00 Forty Five Dollars

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38	Leannis Ransom Amanda Johnson	complaint by Employees on Mr Kings plantation where the parties reside & are making That Leannis & Amanda are constantly quarreling & drive clubs on each other to fight.	case investigated by summoning 6 colored Jurors Namely Allison King William Watson King Harris John Bellinger James C Saunders Allen Collier Evidence disclosed the case to be plainly between Leannis being a Negro & Amanda being accused by her of taking her husband from her That this quarrel had continued on the place for a long time & finally resulted in a violent quarrel between the two women while in the field on which Clubs were drawn but no blows struck The Jury returned a verdict of guilty and fined the parties $2.00 each which fine divided among the Jurors

	Robt Noble		
39	Mark Veney & Family	Mark Veney and Family Worked for Noble until the cotton was nearly gathered in The Fall when Mark had a difficulty with the Nobles who Cruelly beat him. ~~him~~ and Oscar & ran off.	March 25/67 The Mother in law of Mark called to day for settlement Said Mark was up in Dresden County & apointed to come and attend to his claim against Noble. Noble say he is afraid of being arrested. With the view of reaching all the facts in the case I refused to take any Action in the case till Mark came himself.
See	Misc File No 13		

40	W. B. De Yampert	De yampert Made contract with his Hands for 1867. & designed ignoring the Bureau as did several of his Neighbors. Hands complained to me that they have not been paid for 1865 & 1866. & that the contract they had agreed to was not what they wanted but they agreed to it in hopes of obtaining pay.
	Employees in 1866	
See Slip File	.5.	

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Dave Deyampert one of the Employees complains that the Cotton money which he reclaimed for himself & Wife & daughter amounts only $32" and is not satisfied that justice has been done in the Division

Jan 12" 1867

I visited Deyampert place. & gave the whole matter a thorough sifting. I found Deyampert had paid the hands nothing for Services in 1865 & 66. That for services in 65 he had gave them his note which said not more nor thelp. having no date, nor time when they fell due and so worded as to render them of non effect. I found the corn & had never been divided but had been used to keep up the place. & That the cotton was shiped to New Orleans. & that the Contract made for 1867 was entirely unjust in its provisions. I refused to approve the Contract for 1867. until De yampert changed it to comform to justice Caused the Northelp notes given in 1865 to be destroyed & new ones drawn bearing ten per cent interest from Jan" 1866 I caused a settlement to be made. Had the corn divided. (what was left of it) & arranged that the cotton should be divided by the Acts" Sales.

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At the complaint of Dave De yampert that the cotton money had not been fairly divided I again visited Deyampert. Caused him to produce his Acts. Sales & by them I find De yampert had not given the Negroes their dues in the Cotton by $110. That he had actually defrauded them of this amount. De Yampert tried to explain the matter but only tended to convince me he was a rascal. I adjusted the matter by permitting him to give his notes for the above amount with the understanding that the notes were to be paid off in a few days

41	John A Caraway Mrs Harris Mr Hope Dj Dren County Milley Jackson See Misc File "17" See C. L. B. 16 & 17	Milley Jackson desired to obtain possession of 4 minor children of whom she is the aunt and the only relative living. Them children are in Dren Co near the line	April 18th/67 Good an order to Milley for the children which order was carried by Millie husband for the children. He failed to obtain the children by reason of the parties having the children refusing to let him have them & the children saying they did not want to come with him. Andrew Millie Husband returned to me to assist him. April 26th/67 Sent Sergt Green & one man who went to the houses of Hope & Harris & returned two of the children. The other two it is claimed run off to avoid being brought away. Am of the opinion the children were run off as they have been kept without pay since the Jan. & the parties having them desire to still retain them.
42	William Murphey Emely Murphey Mrs Murphey Harriett Payne See Harriett affidavit	Harriett Payne (col) complains that William Murphey Whipped her having a stick & put long out over her back & person that Mrs Murphey slaped her & that Emely drew an axe on her. That the Whipping was done at the instigation of Emely & her Mother who accused her of being saucy to them which being saucy it was was that Harriett denied being in a Negro cabin when Mrs Murphey accused her of it. Which denied it was was the truth	April 29th/67 Called attention of civil officers to the case & Warrant was issued for the arrest of the parties by Squire Cook May 3th/67 Cases tried by jury before Squire Cook Emely Murphey was acquitted. Williams Murphey fined $3 20/100 & cost.

43	R A Pugh Viney Peterson See Misc File. 18. See C.B. 21.	R A Pugh complains that he is having trouble on his Plantation among the Freedmen Shot Viney stabbed one of the other hands. & That the hands have been quarreling all summer.	April 29=67 could not visit Pugh place in person pens preparing hisimp. Sent Capt Green with letter to Pugh telling him to turn the case over to civil authority. Pugh declined preferring I would come to the place in person & adjust the matter
44	Sim Courtney M J Tucker	Mariah. (col) complains That she worked from July to Jan in 66 for Courtney and received only about $12. pay.	April 29th /67 Handed the account to Squire Cook for collection
45	Misf Matty Stevens Emely. See C.B. 18	Emily complains That Mrs Stevens has not paid her for services in 1866.	May 1st 1867 Mrs Stevenson failed to appear. Sent the case to Squire Hogue.
46	John Lenoir Mrs Winston Caroline Nellson See Misc File. 22.	Caroline Nelson & Jerry Nellson who was murdered by Smith in Sept last & who worked for Mrs Winston complains That she has received no part of the cotton made by her husband. That it is all gone & she does not know how much was made & who has got it. Has a large family of Children to support and is in distress.	May 13th, 67 An investigation made to day as far as I am able to discover makes the facts that 1 bale of cotton was made Mrs Winston got 4 of these being 138 lbs of cotton more than her one half. Three bales weighed 410. 425. 403. 386. 3 bales were set aside for Caroline weighing 470, 464. 425. of these Hunley & Ratliff Populas Bluff got 2. The third one has not been found. and seem not likely to find as it has mysteriously disappeared

41	Yong Bird W L Butler See Affidavits of W F Harris & A Harris	Yong Bird rented part of the Anderson Plantation (Which is abandoned land) of Anderson and bought an interest in the labor on the Place of Harris. By action of the civil courts the land was sold from Anderson soon after Bird rented it and purchased by Butler. On obtaining the land Butler despoiled Bird and took the land. The hands being under contract to Bird to make a crop on the Anderson place Bird claims enforcement of his contract against the hands & also against Butler for employing them	May 15th 1867 Investigation made to day shows that Harris & Bird made contract with the Employees but did not sign nor stamp the contracts decided that the contract was not sufficient to enable Bird to have any action against the hands & Butler for the following reasons 1st the contract was not signed in the presence of witnesses. by the Employees but was signed some time afterward the hands signed it 2nd The contract was not stamped & therefore of non effect under Revenue Laws 3rd By action of civil Law Bird has been despoiled & therefore the hands being under contract (Which had it been good) to work on the Anderson Plantation Without their consent Bird could not compell them to work elsewhere his contract now has been rendered void

48	Allen Cole Moses Johnson Morris John Sumner on Misp File 23	The three colored men complain that an unjust settlement has been made with them by Mr Sumner	May 16 Submitted settlement but found no just grounds for complaint & adjusted the matter satisfactorily
49	Morris Sherrer L Page See C.B. 21	Morris complained of unjust settlement ~~that~~ for services of himself & Wife in 1866	May 16" On examination of this case I find that Page settled with Morris as at least must does the acts & informed Morris that he owed him Page $23. I read the settlement & find that on a just settlement Page owes Morris $94 70/100 for which amount Page gave his note
50	Freedmen & The Davis Plantation B J Adams Band Plummer 73 Comp 56 A.T.O See Misp File 21 " L Book 119 " " " 46 " " " 64 " " " 41 " " " 137	Oct 1st 66 Misp Lee Davis Owner of the Davis Plantation complains that Adams who has the Plantation rented is selling the cotton as fast as he can procuring to shipping it to New Orleans & selling it & thus defrauding the Negroes & Lee of their portion of the cotton Dec 24"/66 Band Plummer Commission Merchant New Orleans reports to me to day that By Misp Lee Davis consent the Cotton has been divided That the Negroes got 11 bales 4 of which the Genl Officers have urged to pay for supplies sold Adams for the Negroes by Hazard & McBride. That Adams has run off Without settlement with either him or the Negroes. That the 4 bals of the Cotton ~~taken~~ taken by Genl Officers to pay Hazards debt is sold & But 7 bales are left for the Freedmen. That Adams has proven himself a scoundrel & greate rogue.	Oct 5/66 Seized the Cotton in the field and ordered that it be picked & Baled & put in a safe place & when ready I would be present & decide it. Dec 24/67 Ordered that 7 Bales Cotton shipped to Plummer & Daniels New Orleans. There to be held till Adams be found & a settlement effected, Cotton to be sent in my name March 11"/67 Hearing nothing from the cotton Mr Cday to Plummers at New Orleans April 15'/67 Still hearing nothing from Plummer Forwarded letter through Military Channels to New Orleans to endeavor to obtain an itemized account of Articles sold the Freedmen.

51	John Reuer John Morris See John Reuers Affidavit in C.B. 23 Parties live near Burlin Witness John Reuer his wife	John Reuer complains that John Morris Beat his wife terably cutting her over the eye. because she did not wash that clothes to suit him. & states that he & wife are not at work for Morris but for a man named Rupell and that the doing of the washing for Morris was only done as an act of accomadation. which the wife agreed to do whenever she could spare time from the Crop to do it	May 25th/67 called attention of civil officers to the case & Warrant issued for Morrises arrest by Squire Cook June 7th 1867 Morris had a hearing before Squire Cook. case tried by a Jury Morris fined ten dollars & cost.
52	P P Collins Jasvis See S.B 167	Collins in the employ of Richard Smith. complains that Jasvis assaulted him. Beat him with a sail & a plough handle. cut him on the hand with a knife and threatened to shoot him if powder would burn. Collins & family fled the place. & Collins came to me for protection Jasvis claims that Collins assaulted him and Struck him with a plough handle. & that the affray was thus brought about	June 8th 1867 At the instigation of Jasvis Collins was arrested for assaulting him. Tried before Squire and fined $20. & Costs. I caused the arrest of Jasvis and his trial before Squire Samuel J Cook. who fined Jasvis & cost and Costs.
53	Martha McShane Samuel Simpson See C.B 24 & Misc File 23	Esther complains that Samuel was her former husband & abandoned her & took care of the children & asks perception of the same	June 12th 1867 Gave an order for the perception of the child

54	W. Isabella Simpson William Slade	Isabella. complains that Slade whipped her child which is not under contract That she & her children are under contract to work for Mr Cammack & that Slade is also hired to mrs. Cammack & has no interest in her. work but that notwithstanding this he has been threatening her & her children & driving them about & abusing them.	June 28/67 Turned the case over to civil officers. Warrant for arrest of Slade issued by Squire J J Cook June 29/67 Case tried by jury before Squire Cook Slade fined $1.00 & cost.
55 Lu C B 25	Sandy Miller Milley J Cammack	Sandy Complains that Cammack kicked beat. choked & terribly abused him that & was because he told Mr Cammack he was hungry. Cammack then ordered him to the yard where dinner. Marks of Cammacks fingers nails are on Sandys throat & on a two bruises are on his head.	June 21st/67 Turned the case over to civil officers Warrant issued for Cammacks arrest by Squire J J Cook

No 1

Anderson Williams Cl,
vs
William. Moss

Anderson Williams complains that William Moss is due him on Settlement for 1866 Moss claims account of $98 70/100 Anderson Williams claims he owes him nothing & has act against Moss for $52/100

No 2

Samuel. Stephens
For Settlement

Reported to be on Trial the 19th Dec 1867

No 3

John. G. Williams
For Settlement with
Louis Clarke

To be held the 23rd Dec 1867

Settled by Board of
Referees as follows
A Lefils & C D. Patten

No 4

T. H. Normand
with Branch

To be Dec. 20th 1867

Settled by Referees
Mr. Patterson
Mr Hundley
Mr Watt

Case decided by Referees Jasper Brice & J R Bolden. Who gave judgment against Moss for $52 Some difficulty arose and the parties agreed to submit all accts and quit same on the 13 Dec 1867 — Case Settled

Satisfied

Case Settled as follows
Louis Clarke Dr $124,61
" " Cr " 53.13
Due $71.48

Jr Sheppard Dr 282.15
Cr by crop. 260.54
Due $21.59

Thos. Sprate Dr $160.61
Cr 137.90
Due $22.71.

Satisfied

Wm Brice Dr $231.88
Cr 196.65
Due $35.23

Satisfied

Who after hearing all the statement & testimony. That J. G. Williams is to take 2 Bales good cotton and 2 Bales poor cotton — at 10¢ ℔ pound leaves Louis 2 Bales cotton

Satisfied

Decision That from contract & Evidence — T. H. Normand to pay over to Levy the amount of $32.27/100 — And the Black Man [illegible] to pay T. H. Normand $57.81/100

Receipted in to Stamps

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W B & Jell. Fisher
Settlement
with - 27½ hands.

Settlement Made 18th Oct. 1867
1 Square Jessy Harris 13¼ hands
Made for hands Short Cotton #353.58
" " " " Corn 117.00
" " " Fodder 7.84
Last time .25
478.77
#61.00 Share for Each hand, all full, indebt
2 Squads, James Davis 15 hands
made in Cotton 585.00
" " Corn .. 142.50
" " Fodder 12.50
Last Time 10.00
750.00
#50 Share for Each hand. all full indebt
Satisfied

7

Nelson Jackson
Attachment
Joel Cozart

#11.37 Jackson, calls due Cozart
Cozart owns the Bale of Cotton
off on Mayes that belong to Nelson Jackson
Cotton was ordered back on
the Mayes & Hadleys place &
turned over to Nelson Jackson
and a pay Joel Cozart #11.37 Due
Satisfied

8

Barter Eatmon
Settlement
Bill. Lakers

Settlement Due 20th 67
Jerry Mott #62.09 Cr
60.35 Dr
Cr 1.74
Mr. Matthews #127.30 Dr
93.13 Cr
34.17 Dr
Wm Batty Cr #62.09
Dr 56.83
5.26 Cr
Ellis Dr #70.90
Cr 62.09
Dr 8.81
Kemp Smith X
Cr #160.57
Dr .158.45
Cr 2.12

Ballam to Collard Dr
Cr #2.12
Ann Hanby
Due #24.96
Clay Elliott X
Due #14.86
Satisfied

Carried to Page 68

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R. S. McCarty
Notice
to Office
Monday 23" Decm
for
Settlement to
Carried Page 56
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Case Set for Tuesday Dec 30"
Came to Settlement. Curry makes
no hands in crop Charges hands $2 a
Bham for hauling cotton to river. and
Sellers back freight and of $3.50
Bynum claims no charge for hauling
cotton or Share Bham of Back loading
Curry objects to Settlement of the Bynum
& claims the case tried & Referred, Page 56

Donaghue Bell
Notice
to Office
Monday 23" Dcm
for
Settlement

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Settled Monday 23/67
with Freedmen -
The Blackmon Dcm on Settlement $156
James Ford Dcm " Do " 99.32
Alfred Pepper " " " 18,90
Henry Blackmon " " " 172,38
all the Indians dem to Employer
all full in Debt - Small amounts
Settled & cancelled
Satisfactory to all

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Darnell & Walker
Settlement

Settled. Dcm 21" 1867
" Tell Sawdger act. $237.65
his Share crop 128.98
Dr 108.71 Dr

Linda Duckworth act $238.19
67.38
Dr 170.81

John Thacker Dr 232,83
128.98
Dr 103.85

Ben Lee $181.06 Dr
134.72 Cr
Cr 46.32
Satisfactory to all

12

R. F. Smith
Settlement

Settlement made Dcm 20" / 67
Satisfactory to all

Satisfied

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Milton, Holloway reported for Settlement & Wm. Franchi to appear Dec 31st 1867

Settled. With the Woman before Justice Peace

Satisfied

Notice to Hartwell Simms for Settlement Dec 30th/67

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Settlement made Robert Dunlevy a/c Dr $3 93 Cr By Cotton a/c 195.67 Balance Due $107.33

Satisfied

F. C. Carlock to Settle with hands Dec 30/67

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Deferred 'til 2nd Jany 1868

Set for the 17th Jany — Rubin acct - $237,25 Credits of note & cash 137.60 Balance due 70.16 $70.16

Jany Dr $236 48 Cr By cash 160,00 Balance due 76,48

Essex

Robt Thompson acct Dr $357,93 Cr By cash & note — 161.00 Balance Due 196.93 Net Means Rice in cotton 40.61 Cotton Seed $1. Fodder $1. 10 Bbls $15.32 Due

Satisfied

16

John V. McCullers by Lewis Hargis for Damages Dec 31st/67 put 24th Jany set Monday 27

1st Set for Friday Jany 31st/68

2nd Tuesday 4th February 1868 Set for Court House Tuesday the 8th

2nd Settlement with Robt Thompson & Carlock. Balance due 196.93

Cr By 60 Bbls Seed Cotton $6,00

" 75 Bbls Corn 75

" 1200 lbs Fodder 12

" Rice in cotton 40,61

133.61 $ 133.61

Balance due Carlock $ 63.32

17.

Clark & Barbee Settlement the 3rd of January 1868...

Simms acct $31642
Rolf & Bells acct 17,60
1 Bu Stone — 3 00
acct Taylor & Allanda — 14 75
251. 83
Credits of Sundries 269. 64
Due by Employer — 17. 81 cr

Banks acct 76,80
Amt of Credits Crop & Rents & Errors 102. 35
Due by Employer 26. 05

18

R. A. Pugh Settlement for 1866 & 1867 Dec 30th 1867

George Brocer
Amt of acct 1866/1867 — $206.52
275. 15
" " " Returns 52.65 $27.81 25 & Employer
By 1866 305.52 due
$22.30

has 90 Bbls corn, 2½ Bales cotton —

Wm Lawrence
Amt of acct. $586.60
32.50 D-c Bill
97.45 — Returns acct
706.55
By 1866 426.00 280,55 due Employer
6.55
on hand 120 Bbls corn 100 Bbls corn $1.00
164
" " 4 Bales cotton 1640 lbs @ 10c Rakes & Hoes 10
274
Settled by Note $20 = 6.55

Stephen Lunsford Amt of acct to — $359.46
By Amt of Cr to 1866 347.25
Dr $.12.21

3 Bales cotton
200 Bbls corn } 1867

Samuel Lawrence Amt of Credit 1866 $246.00
Amt of acct 1866/1867 — 203.24
Cr $42.76
acct at Returns 69.36
Due Employer $26.59

1 Bale cotton
90 Bbls corn } 1867

Frank Green due on acct $390 92
By Rent 1866 — 342.00
48.92
By Nothing 10 00
38.92

1 Bale cotton
75 Bbls corn } 1867

Satisfied

R & J. F. Carriage Co with Employees
Case appeal to Referees —
Set for 13th Inst. Saturday

Settlement by Referees
N. L. Hutchinson
E. B. Watson
W. F. McCombs
That R & J. F. Carriage Co is to pay Barron $17.11
Board of Referees appointed without the knowledge of Supt. B. R. & J. F. Carriage Co and final on Settlement that Hester Linsley is due R. & J. F. Carriage Co the sum of four dollars & 31 cents

Arbitrators
I. N. Gibbs
S. Strickland
A. D. Thompson

20

W. M. Cochran
Settlement

Dec 31 "

Dec 31 " Settled
Amy Galaspy acct Dr $71,66
By Wages — 57,49
Balance Due 14.17

Satisfactory

21

J. H. Bell
Settlement

January 1 " 1868

Almetta Crayons Dr $20,80
Rebecca " 37,80
Buck Newton " 4,22
Granny Nelson " 912.61
After deducting $53,60 804.10
Jr. Whiskey Bale due $108.51
has 10 Bales cotton to pay on said debt. Net proceeds cotton $2412
Salisfied 1/3 in part — 804.10

22

Eight's & wife
Wash. Foot.
L

Wash Complains that Eights has sold the crop & run away
Has ordered 1 Bale cotton seized in Wm H. Barrett possession
Says 2 Bales was sold to Rolf
the Bale was stopped in Barrett possession Dec 11 "/67 by Notice

23

B. F. Low
Settlement

Issued on this Claim
Warrant for 3/5 of crop
& pay Taxes Officers

24

Jeff. Eights
Reported
by Wash Foot, colo
for Settlement
Monday the 30th "
Set for Monday 27"

Statement of John H. Barrett
That Wash Foot was present and took off Bale cotton & saw the Bale sold and set up no claim — cotton sold
J. H. Barrett

Wash Foot, Col'd. Says he came Wagon he hired McCombs Store and went to the Black Smith Shop and When he returned back Eights had drove the Wagon to J. H. Barrett Store and sold the Cotton to John D. Barrett that belong to him

Statement of James Dunken. Says that he was present. Eights looked round for the Boy & he was not there. But Wash Came in and help take off the Bale and saw the Money paid and set up no Claim to the Cotton

Aron Thomas
account Dr $174,76
By 69 Bush corn $69
" 1132 / 1882 pds fodder 11,32
" 484 pds picking cotton 48,40
" 4 days work 4.00
Balance Due 131.72
43,04

Dexter Fenner
his account to Dec — $334.00
By 82 Bush corn $82 —
" 500 pds fodder 50
" 780 " cotton 78,00
" 18 days work in crop 27.00 192,00
To Employer Dr 142.00

Sue Fenner
Her account Dr $192,79
By 58 Bush corn $58,00
" 771 pds cotton 77,10
Extra work 20.00 155.10
To Employer Dr — 37,00

25th
W. H. Allen
For Settlement
with hands
23rd January -
Thisday " Reported
by Simm Moore

Amount of Sam Moore a/c allowed - 93.00
" 64 Days last time - @34¢ - 22,08
" 64 " Return " " 22 - " 14.08
By Wages 1867 - #213 129.16
" " Do 1866 - 764¢ 289.44
#289 44 289.44
160.30

Allen acknowledges the amount
of #160.30 is just and clear

26
Herrod & Tegnor
+
Thomas. Herron
For Settlement
with Burris. Hawkins
Witness
Isaac Phillips Col
Louis Jenkins "
Sam. Brown "
on Wednesday 29th

27
B. B. Hammacutt
+ hands.

Mr Hammacutt. Stats that
after Settlement by Dunnaho with hands
the cotton had come out. he
paid the 3 hands in Shares for
there part of Said. only left one
Share of Said 20 Bales. which he
sent to the other hand - Anderson Alley -

28
Ward
To
Settlement
With hands
Thirsday 27th. 1868

Than in case of Boy in debt #2

In case of Woman
in debt Sum #40
and final Settlement to be
after returns of Cotton received

Seams from Statement of both parties that Allen
was in debt and had disposed of Eight 8 Bales cotton and
about five Bales cotton was loaned on and mailed up
for Sale by the Baliff - Also Allen has no a No Bale cotton left him
Decision of the Agent that enough of the cotton
loaned or for sale, May Should enough cotton be set aside
For payment of the Labor Claim of #160.30.

Allen's case Decided
to Gen. Smith. for

Agents Office
Hamby Ark
Jany 24 1868

To the Sheriff of Ashley Co
Sir

By orders from Head qrs 4th Mil. Dist
the crop raised on any Plantation
is subject to the claim of the Merchant
furnishing supplies after the claims
of the labors has been satisfied
I have therefore to request that
you cause all the crop raised on the
plantation of Mr B. F. Allen to be
detained until the claims of the
L. & the Merchants furnishing Supplies
be acted upon and adjusted. When
at Head qrs Sub Dist. of Ark
The said cotton however will be
delivered to Mr B. F. Allen who is
authorized to have this cotton ginned
baled Shipped to New Orleans and
Sold the proceeds after the just claim
of the labors Sam Moore is satisfied
to be held Subject to the claims
of the Merchants furnishing Supplies

Bvt. Lt. Col & A.C.S.
Agt. B.R. Frd.men

60 Title of Case	Complaint	Action Taken	61
29 Henry Thompson adm Wife of Phlo Thompson vs Jno. Downie for Tuesday 11th July	Settled by releasing the case to Phlo Thompsons Wife —	W.F. McCombs Settlement With hands July 28th 1868	David Gaines To acct Rendered — $ By crop & work " Note given me Ellie To acct Rend — $ By crop & work Balan due & settled —
30 Morris. Benjamin for Settlement Hands 26th 1868 For Civil authority	The Settlement being investigated That the hands owe in debt to Mr Morris - for supplies 1867. Decision the Bureau has nothing to do in the case Was a case of debt.		Sterling To acct Rend - $ By crop & work Balan due Ike Allen To acct Rend — $ By crop & work Balan due
31 Calhoon Esq Settlement with Chaves on Tuesday Mch 3rd /68 Not able to attend —	If case can be settled with Chaves Satisfactory to do so —	Settled	Principal. To acct Rend $ By crop & work Balan due Henry Rogan To acct Rend - $ By crop work & cash Balan due settled by Note Jno Williams To acct Rend $ By crop Balan Due
32 James. Peugh to Settlement with hands Thursday Feby 27. /68 Defend. tell. Cotton is Sold. and then day to be set Also Judge Calaway to be present at Settlement same day with Rufus's Wife.		E A Higgins Settlement With Hands	Andw Jackson acct Rend By work & crop Balan due & settled - Isaac Gaines Acct Rend — $ By work & crop Balan Due
		Settled	

Jeff. Clark. for Settlement

34
Mch 18" 1868
on
Carlisle Harris Contract

35
Assault on George Washington by Carlock & Robinson

36
Assault on Charles Burn- ed, by Wm Roberts,

37
Assault on Thompson & Thompson by John Ross & Marion Ross

with Solamn Carter and Elizabeth McC his children. To be Notified when settlement is made.

List of assaults.

This day the Boy Geo Brown was discharged by Employer — for leaving Plantation without leave ... Sent back on the 19th Mch to go to work by the agent

This day the 15th day of March 1868 John Carlock & one Robinson on the Negros place did tie and Whip Geo Washington, Colo with a bush or with switches taken off of contract by Agent and he highered to one Cleveland

This day about the 7th March 1868 Wm Roberts. in company with Jno Noble and John Ross. Assaulted Charles Brinkley & Isum Watsinboth. Col, by Beating Charles over the head with a pistole and by Shooting at Isum - with a Pistole

This day the 14th of March 1868 John Ross & Marion Ross - went to Thompsons Mill, armed and raised a fuss with one Thompson Thompson got Ross down and Stabed him in the side. Marion Ross drew a foot Adds. to kill Thompson Thompson run & in running Marion Ross got the Pistole out of John Ross Pocket & handed it to Jno Ross who fired on Thompson 3 fires and wounded him badly. Old Man Thompson came running down the steps with a hammer and John Thompson shot at him & cut through his cloth

34
Assault by D. Young & Mark White on Luben Watkins Col, on 23d March

Assault by

This day D. Young & Mark White Made an Assault on Luben. Watkins &, by beating him with a stick Case turned over to S. Coots & P. Hamby

39 James. Washington Wife to be notefied to appear the 31st inst. on Tuesday —

Account of Ralfs. Red over and acknowledged by Washington & Wife
Amt due Washington $24.00/100
To be paid myself
by Consent of Agent —

40 W. Hammonds Lewis, Hammonds Son
For Settlement with Wm. Thorn account filed in contract

Went into Contract the 5th January 1868 to be furnished Board & 1/3 of crop by Employer
Discharged by Employer - Coats made in March —

41 Sell. Kelly with Wm. Hoy & H. Hoy

42 J. W. Carlock Settlement 20th April 68

None of the parties attended but Carlocks. Agent Absent & Clerk sick

43 Report of Alfred Pippin & Pippin vs Ladd Pugh April 24th 1868

Alfred Pippin is on contract with D. L. Pippin for part of crop. says he can prove that after having 50 acres of corn planted and worked out. That Pugh ordered Pippin off of the place and has taken his crop. and only offers him $80 for the interest in the crop.
Alfred then Contracted for Barram at $15 per month him & wife - Barram refuses to get his clothing - Alfred quits the contract —

44 Dorcas Higginbotham vs his Wife

Complains that firm fusses with him, and wife he cant no longer live with her as a wife,
May 1st 1868

45 1868 Battle Eatmon by Henry Walker & wife Isabella Eatmon witnesses

Complaint made at the office

Complaint: by Henry Walker. That on Saturday the 9th May 1868. Eatmon Struck his wife with a hoe handle & Broke it over her. Kicked and Struck her with his fist. Henry spoke to him about it and he drew his gun on him and told him if he spoke he would shute him - and was forced to leave the place

46 Clay Spencer Susan Slaughter Harriett Watkins

47 Peter Slaughter 9 May 1868

Complains that Employer has drove him off - without cause —

Decided by the Bureau that Alfred Pippin Chose one Referee - Employee chose one Referee and these Two chose the third - and should Alfred Pippin - prove he was drove off of the place. The value to be estimated at that time 24th July. If he was not driven off the place. The value to be estimated at the time he left

Settlement Made by Consent of Both Parties. and Employer gives his Note for $80 —

Name of Parties	Complaint
48 Meechkeum. Henry For Settlement with Wells Carter, Esq on Tuesday May 19th/68	That Employer is owing him for Wages Settlement
49 Note to Milton Tinsley. to appear at the office Friday the 15th May. dated May 12th/68	Complaint Made by Henry Cole, That he worked for Tinsley and that Tinsley put an Lawsuit Made on him - wants a Rule
50 R. W. Ward For Settlement June 2nd 1868	Complaint by Isaac. Rodman Col, That he has Worked for Employer 2 years and has had no Settlement
51 J. W. Cockran For Settlement June 3rd 1868	Complaint by Caroline Minchen That Employer refuses to come to B. Office for Settlement
52 Wiley T Simpson Settlement with hands June 6 1868	Complaint by George Nathan Lee that Simpson Shipped for them 3 Bales Cotton & has not paid them the Money

Action Taken

Employ en Merchhema due Carter, cd,
$175—

Note given on demand with 10 per cent int
from date

Settlement Made June 2" 1865.

Settlement Made Jun 2" 1866 with Isaac Rodman
To amt of Note & Int — $86. Amt of work $63.10 — $149.10
By Cr of Cotton $141.57. — less Expense $44.99/100 — $96.58
" 1108 Fodder at $/— 11.00 107.58
Due by Employee 41.,52

Settlement made Jun 3" 1868
and Closed by Employee giving note
for $23.57.

June 6" Settlement Made and
Simpson gives his Notes to settle
up the Matter &c, turns over to Nathan
Bee the Boys & 2 Steers — to Geo Bee

Date 53 1928

May 12 Batte Calman Settlement Continued

Jordan Moll.
To account due by Employer on page 52. $1.74
By Rise in cotton on 22.03
23.77
To Hauling cotton 4 50
Z Cr 19.27

his Wife. Mary
To balance due on Settlement $14.88
" hauling cotton 4.50
19.38
By rise in cotton 15.01
taken off Jordan 3.87
Settled in cotton $15.40
Balance on 15.40
0000

Paid Over

Cash pd 15 40

Wm Matthew
Balance due Employe $37 13
By Rise 1½ Bales in cotton - 91.62
To Hauling cotton - 6 75-
" Over Charge in cotton 58.63
99.55-
Cotton 91.62
Due Employee 7.93

Jim Baty Cr on page 52. $5.26
Rise in cotton 22.03
To 2½ Bales Cotton $2.50 27 29
" Hauling cotton 4.50 7 00
To $20 29 Cr on Wife a/c $20.29
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Elic Dunlap due on page 52. $8.81
To 3½ Bales cotton 3.50
" Hauling cotton 4.50 8.00
16.81
By Rise in cotton $22.03 22 03
Cr by Cash 5.22
Elic Wife Amount Due 24.96 5.00
To Hauling cotton 4.00
Board 1 mo - 10
38.96
By Rise in cotton 15 01
23.95 5.22 17.73 Due

Amt Credited with $5.22 paid to husband

Kemp Smith Wife Latham & Leslie
Cr By Settlement page 52 - 2,12
" " 2 Shoes Rise in cotton 78.02
" " 1.00 " " " 20 00
Dr 52.14
To Hauling cotton 3 Shoes 12.00
" 7½ Bales Cotton 7.50
Board 2 Children 6 Mos @ 4 24 00 43.50 43.50
08.64 08.64

Paid Over

Cash paid To Settle a/c $8,64

Employer was to feed 3 children of the cook while the and other children come there of Kemps and was fed from the house to the amt of at least 6 months for 2 children

May 23" Kemp Smith complains with Settlement

Cash pd in office by Mr Carroll
for Geo hands on W D Jamport Contract
Whole amt. $63 $43.00
Pd Geo 24
43

Each Share is $15,50 " Woman 3 Shares $47.
with Geo
15,50
$20. pd Matthew by Receipt. Matt - 15,50
15 " Geo Gee by Note -
8

Jones
Cook
Matthew pd $20-
Geo pd cash

Date	Name of Parties	Complaint	Action Taken
	No 54		
May 22	W.R. Whitlow Settlement with Freedmen Saml. Simpson Tuesday -	Complnt. by Saml. Simpson, that he wishes settlement for 1867. Thinks must be something coming to him	Saml Simpson Cr By Wages — for January $6.00 1 Kerosene a/c $1.25. Cr by Wages — $219.20. Last Time $92.07 $483.50 Closed up by Note & W Whitlow. for $76 14/100 Taylor Simpson Cr By Wages $160.00 Dr to acct $99.52 Last Time $18 — 117.52 = By Note $42.48 Jane Bull Cr By Wages $1.00 Dr to a/c $42.75. Last Time $39.90. Note to Employer $21 65/100
	No 55	Complaint Made by Plff Thompson Wife Nancy. that [redacted] of her husband has been attached and seized by civil authority for debt of her husband —	Parties Notified to Step all civil process until Settlement made before the Board No attention by neither parties
May 22	Gibbs Settlement with		
May 24. Tuesday -	Plff Thompson		
May 23	Wm Carpenter 56 and Thos. Ward Lives With Jno. Carter	Complaint by Carpenter that he has a child at Wm Carpenter 18 years old. Name Mary Ann Ward. Refuses to let her have her things to come to her Father Wm Carpenter lives in Assumption parish East of the Bayou 8 miles from Boarded of Thos. Ward lives with Jno Carter	
	57	Complaint of Hamelton Stokes. Co? That Employer is owing him 4 months Settlement	Settled, after adjusting all claims and making due deductions Hampton Stokes Dr to Collection — $46.26 " acct of Dotsons 98 28 " Settlement Taylor 20.84 585 38 Cr By Crop : 400 $497.08 Disputed 185 29 " Ena in Bank 4.35 $400.09 " Disputed claims 57.69 557.72 Due by Hampton Stokes $32.16 Cents Cr $480.84 To W Robinson Note given Dr 400.09 May 28th/68 should be $80.75 Due Hamp Due Hamp $80.46
Monday May 27/-		Carried to page 84	

Name of Parties	Complaints
58 S. L. Allen Jr Settlement G Charles, McCamie	Complaint by Charles McCamie That he was not present at the Settlement. and has not had justice - and claims a new Settlement
59 F. A. Switzer Settlmt with hands Dec 6, 1868	
do 60 Wily Simpson Settlement with Nat & George Gee for 3 Bales Cotton Shipped Ret for June 13th 1866	Complaint by ~~George~~ Nathan Gee that Simpson had 3 Bales Cotton to Ship for him, and refuses to pay for Horse & Pistols Told Geo. " Claims 1 Bale Cotton Shipped by Gee 1866 -
do 61 Agee Settlement with hands Salem Oct 27th 1868	

By name. Allen Dr to acct. Rent. $127.00
Cr By Cotton $23,41. Fodder $5,74 Corn $73 - $103,15 163. 15
By Ginning Tax - 13. 89
2. 62
$16 47

Sealy & McHenry -
Cr By Cotton 29,41. Fodder 5,74, Corn 76 = $111,15
Dr To acct $34. 35
By ginning Tax - 2, 62
" Rolf & Bale. 21, 08
" Cash. 2, 66 111, 15

Simpson Dr.
To Proceeds 3 B/c Cotton 172 26
" 452 pds Cotton 129. 87
" Balance due by Gee on Contract 791 17
By acct of Supplies $211 576. 30
2 11
devide in 3 Shares 165 30
Gee & Nathan 330. 43
Simpson brings claim against George & Nathan Gee
Horse and Pistols $150
Loan Geo due Simpson $4 16/100
Nathan Cotton note in Geo for $44. 16/100
and Simpson pays Attorney fee $5 which to Nathan of $6 = $111
The 3 Bbls flour & the Bale Cotton 1866 - not settled
The flour is settled in the case to Simpson. but George & Nathan Claims. the 2 Bbls flour should have gone on the Bale Cotton made 1864 -

Settlement Made before Thompson & Roach and all agreed Date of Action

Date	Name of Parties	Complaint	Action Taken
1868 June 20.	62 F. E. Carlos & Settlement with hands 1867	By hands for further Settlement. on account of Rice & cotton	Reuben Bunner amt brot fr page $70.16 Cr By Rice in cotton $68,75 " " 12 Bbl corn 12. " " " 140 ℔ fodder .... 3.40 64.15 Due Employer 6.01
June 20/68 Set for July 3rd 1868 Harvest requires to come. 2nd Letter Written to come in or will be arrested.	63 Herrod & Taylor Settlement with hands	Complaint by William Hawkins. he worked with others 1867 for Thirds and want Settlement	Essex. Kimberly Due on Settlement $101.74 Cr By Rice in cotton $28,87 " " Fodder 9.25 " " Rules 10,00 48.12½ $53.56½ To Shoes — 6.00 $59.56½
	64 Settlement David. Perkins with hands June 26th 1868 at his house		July 10/68 Settlement made with James Brown Due hands $64—

Simeon Ray
Cr By Crop & work $144.23
Dr To acct 135.83
Due by Perkins 8.40

Edmond Murray
Cr By Crop & co $82.25
Due By Perkins . . . 44.88
37.37

Glasco. Polite Cr By crop & co $125.25
Dr to cash & co — 132.97
Due by Polite 7.72

Rosetta Brown
Cr By crop & co $82.25
Dr to acct & co 38.80
Bro Slaughter Due by Perkins - 43.85

Cr By Mitchell on hands & Wife $185.73
Dr to acct & co 155.61
Due by Perkins - $30.12

Date.	Name of Parties	Complaint	Action Taken
Dec 27/67	65 Settlement of Harbeson with hands 1867	By Hands for settlement with Harbeson for 1867 –	Martha Ann Cr her self $136.66 " Daughter 41.00 177.66 Dr t acct, last Time & Rations 81.14 Due by Employee 96.52 Nancy Dr amt of acct $52.57 Cr By crop &c 42.98 Due by Employee 9.59 Allen Wimberly Dr Acct &c $253.89 Cr By Crop & Work --- 135.11 Due by Employee 120.78 Henry Wimberly Dr amt of acct 228.53 " " Note 22.25 250.78 Cr By amt of crop 229.00 Due by Employee 21.78 Settlement made – Ann & her Daughter Nancy Brand Duckworth & Dalcie his wife & Hester Duckett Eliza Thompson & family & Henry Carlock & family " Settled at Plantation
July 9/68	66 Sam'l R. Clinton Settlement with. Jane. Sanders Saturday the 11th 1868 just off till Saturday the 18th	By Jane Sanders She worked 1866 & 1867 for Clinton and wants Settlement ..	July 18/68 Settlement made and Employer in debt to Jane — $3.25 Settled in cash paid her by J. Rolf & Bell
Jan 7/68	67 Add. King Settlement with. Zed Rogers Saturday the 11./68	By Zed Rodgers as he worked for King 6 months at $15 per month and wants Settlement	Cr Settlement. Zed Rogers worked with Dr King to find himself & feed Team –. His contract Broke by Luck. Blasingill . and estimating the Supplies & feed for Mule & Wakes account $73.00 To amt. of his Share crop — 70.00 Due by Employee $3.00 Zed Discharged for contract by Medical consent

Date	Name of Parties	Complaint	Action taken
July 6/68	68 Capt. Foot Dispute with Manerva Cockrell	By Manerva Cockrell that Capt Foot has 4 of her children which he refuses to give up - and holds them against her will	Stated by Foot Representative that Sam'l Jones that the children were bound over to Foot and that was with Mothers consent
Friday 10/68	The Woman Officed	But Foot did not come	
July 8/68	69 Mr Parrish Settlement with Emma Baker, colrd	By Emma Baker that the Parish drew his gun on her and threatened to shoot her & the Capt -	Emma Baker says she worked for Mr of the crop com. after Parish hire was on account only Board of 3 children from 12th April to the 6th July 68
Monday July 13th -	Parish	refuses to receive the	
	Note and did not come	another Note, but to be	
	on Monday the 15	the last 13 Sickes cant appear	
July 8/68	70 Capt D N Norris Settlement with Geo. Pench	By Geo Pench that he agreed to rent of Norris one year for $150 & in September Norris give him a Whipping & drove him off - Claims wages	Norris Renders a/c of $129.60. by Wages Rendered on Jan 7th Mo ct $12.50 95-46 $34.14 Claims Geo due him -
Mon July 15/68	Refuses to appear Day ordered	at the Office the	
July 10	71 Samuel Lowery & Donald. with Frankey Blind Woman	By Colored Woman that Frankie a Blind woman. which the country is paying support of is Badly treated & does not enough to eat	
July 15	to appear Did not	appear at the Office	
July 10/-	72 Green Elton Application with Isaac Friedman	By complaint that the Man Ellic is badly treated, does not get enough to eat for which Cruelty pray his entry part	Elton States that him & Ellie work and go together - and what he Eats the Man Ellie Eats and at the same Time, That he was out of Meat 2 Weeks at one time & neither him or Ellie but any has given him 2 cents cloth for Summer and is able to prove the above
July 18th to appear			

Date	Name of Parties	Complaint	Action Taken
July 10/68	73 L P. Barnes Settlement with. Asa. Pell & h Mon 8 day July 15. & Son to appear	By Cato Lee that his mother rented fr Mr Barnes 1866 and has not paid hire	Settlement made 15th July 1868 Barnes indebted to Lubera and closed with by Note on Demand fr $49.00
	74 Wm. W. Robinson Settlement with hands for 1867 July. 17th 1868. Neither appeared Time given		
July 17/68	75 W + Morgan Settlement with Mary Williams on Friday the 24th Inst	Complaint by Mary Jane Williams for Settlement Notice sent Morgan to appear on Friday the 24 Inst for Settlement	
	76 Frank. Hazard Discharging Mr. Adams	Complaint of Mr. Adams that Employer drove him off by threatning to shoot him. Adams states from the threats & character of Hazard he cant stay on the place	

Date	Names of Parties	Complaints
July 20/68	77 Geo. H. P. Morris. Warrant Paid in Settlement with Hanah Simpson, col'd 1867 —	By Benson Simpson on of Hanah that Hand Simpson cook at $15 p month and her 2 daughters Mrs C in arrs to 1/3 and Jones' Pole emp to Rob Merchant —
July 1/68	78 James Tinsley, and, for note — on Motion — —	By James Tinsley he left note with Agent for $20 on Motion due his mother
July 18/68	79 Willis Brookes Settlement with Letty. Lambert July 27/68	By Letty Lambert She worked part of the year & discharged without pay —
July 18/68	80 Boan. Wethers Settlement with Letty. Lambert July 27/68	By Letty Lambert She worked part of the year 1868. and was driven off of the place without settlement
July 25/68	81 R. A. Peeples Settlement with Redwick Simmons Col'd. Labor	

Actions Taken

Parties appeared on the 25th. July 1868
Boan Wethers proved by Paul. Wethers that he taken Letty Lambert & her 3 children in to work for them Board for a short time until they could do better. Letty. did refuse to do her work & Wethers discharge her after 3 months
Decided. That Wethers were not indebt to her any thing

Settlement Made in Office July 25 1868
Redwick Simmons

	R. A. Peeples	$191. 26
	" " Dudley	66. 17
		257. 43
Cr		
By Cash in Hands	$40 —	191. 20
Corn ground	15 —	66. 23
Fodder	14 —	
14 Days driving Mules	113. 20	due Employee
2/54 $283. fee tuition		

Aug 28/68 Gen. Easton Settlement with Fed. Wade for 1867. Set. fm.	Gen W. E. Easton Settlement with Fed. Wade, esq, for 1867 Salary, 8 " August.	By Fed Wade he rec'd for 1/5 of crop & found — made 6 Bill cotton 5½ cents $55 —	
Aug 31st/68 fm Page 70	Wm. W. Robeson Settlement with Hampton Stokes fm p	By Hampton Stokes that Robeson has cleared more dep't his Share he pd	Robeson required to prove his account and failing to prove satisfactorily to the Agent. decided that the disputed account is allowed — to Hampton Stokes

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Testimony taken before Sam'l H Moore a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Ashley and State of Arkansas in a Case wherein Lewis Hargis is plaintiff and John B McCulloch is defendant on part of defendant on the 6 day of February 1868. Personally appeared John T Bird who being duly sworn do depose as follows

I B McCulloch Came to my house to buy a mule and McCulloch Stated to me that he wanted the mule for Lewis to make a Crop in the year 1867 and that he would take the mule if the said Lewis Came back to work by the order of Lieut Dayton I was living up Cow Land but the time or the day I do not recollect

Sworn to before me this 6 day of
Feby 1868 Sam'l H Moore J P

J T Bird

February 6 1868 Personally appeared Thomas Rabberry before me an acting Justice of the peace and after being duly sworn do depose as follows in the Case of Lewis Hargis and John B McCulloch "I am acquainted with the party Lewis Never moved back after he moved off he never done any work after he moved off that I Know of and never done any after McCulloch left his business in my Charge after the Contract was read to me he had some Corn I dont Know how much but I Borrowed some of him about the time they left McCulloch had one good plow Horse and one Yoke of oxen I saw him plowing I suppose he Cultivated twenty or five acres there was some logs on the land some of the land the logs had not been Rolled I think that the Corn they had would have answered until the Crop was planted I would not just the amount that was there was plenty for their work at the time and the weather was bad; he never told me while I was tending to the business that he wanted to Come back and go to work

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 6 day of February 1868 Sam'l H Moore J P

Thomas Rabberry

Month & year	day of Mo	From whome Received	No of Vouchers
August	6th	Commissary at Pine Bluff	600.

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
April 15. 1867

White — Archer White Esq
Sir

I am requested by Emaly White a Colord Woman to address you a letter with the view of obtaining information in regard to her Children Lucke, Manda & Margarett She desires to hear from them and to have them come to her or assist her to get to them Hoping you may be disposed to take an interest in this Matter and address Me any information you may be able to impart I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

1 Ind 15 R R C Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
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Head — Peter
Sir

At the request of your sister Ann Shears I address you to inform you that your Sister & Mother are in want of your assistance your Sister has a large family of Small Children & is just able to support them while your Mother are entirely helpless Ann is not able to Support her and desires your assistance She request either you or your Brother to come after your Mother And Make some arrangments to assist in her support unless you do this your Mother Must suffer

1 Ind V. R, C. Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Hamburg Ark
April 15th 1867

Bell — Martha (Colored)
Belton Bell County Texas

I would respectfully State that your two boys are living in this County at or with R. L. Smith and are very desirous that the family be got together and would like to have you come here and they have sufficient money to pay all expenses but if you are not willing to come here they they want you to let them Know where you are So that they can go to you Pleas write to them at once and give them the desired information Direct to them at Hamburg Ark in My Care I am very Respectfully Your

Asst Supt R. F. & A. L.

Hamburg Ark
Feby 8th 1868

Mr. J. N. McCulloch
Sir

A Board of Arbitration having decided that you owe Lewis Wargo $45.00 for Labor you are hereby directed to turn over to him 45 Bush of corn Corn being estimated at $1 00 pr Bushel If however you can pay the Money you can do so but one or the other Must be done on or before Feby 18 1868

Sign Geo. F. Sewall
Bvt. Lt. Col U S A
Agent

1 Bbl Molasses	40	40	40	40
1 " Sugar 250 p/d @ 15¢	out		37,50	
1 Doz Bottles ale	@ 8		8,00	
1 " Corks	@ 1		1,50	
1 Pack Coffee	@ 24¢	out	38,40	
3 " Shot	@ 1/2¢	3	7,50	
1/2 Bx Tobacco 50 p/d	@ 70¢	80	35,00	
1/2 " Do 50 "	@ 90¢	40	45,00	
1 " Soap 70 "	@ 6¢	3	4 "	
1 " Soda 40 "	" 1/-	3	5 "	
1/2 " Pepper Blk 20 p/d	@ 1/-	4	6,00	
1/2 " Candles 20 "	@ 20¢	2	4	
12 Doz P. Caps		3	5	
1 " B. Buckets		2	3	
1/2 " Sieves		1	2	
1/2 Keg Powder 12/6		3	5,00	286 50
2 Doz Pocket Knives 1/4 - 1/6		8	10	
2 " Knives & forks 1/4 - 1/6		3	3,50	
1 " Table Spoons		1	1,50	
1 " Tea Do		1	1.50	16 50
24 Brogans Mens		20	36	
24 " Mens		20	36	
24 " Boys		15	30	
24 " Girls		15	30	
24 " Misses		5	10	
1 Doz Hats		10	18	160,00
		240		463,40

100 lgs Loaves .. @ 2/-	13-	25-			
100 " Dinnertie @ 2/-	13-	25-			
200 " Prints @ 1s 7/-	15	30			
100 " Cotton Ade @ 20/-	10	20			
4 Doz Spools Thread	2	3			
12 " Needles & pins	3	4			
12 " Buttons	2	3			
1 " Suspenders	2	3			
2 " @ Hatchets	4	8			
2 " " Hoes	3	6			
12 " " Fish Hooks	71	3	00	130	00
Amt Brt. over				463	-
				₱ 593	
Deduct ½ pr in Columbia 40 37				77	
				₱ 516	00
1 Doz Dinner Plates 75					
1 " Breakfast 20 - 25					
1 " Bowls - 2s - 3.00					
1 " Do 1½ - 1.50					
2 " Cups & Saucers 2.00					
1 " Pitchers ant. - 3.00					
11.00 Crockery - ₱11 -					
23 -				34	00
Stationery				₱ 550	00

	Amt,	Profit	
240	600	- 300 —	800
71			300
311	3 mo Sales cost		500
	300 @ profit - 150 —		450
			950
	3 mo Sales cost		400
			550
	400 @ Profit 200 —		1150
	3 mo Sales —		600
			550
	Cost profit 300		450
			1450
	3 mo Sales —		800 —
			₱ 650
		650	100
		200	
		₱ 450	

800		
500		
250	cost	
650		
900		
450		
250	cost	
200		

Zach. Williams belonging
to 16th Ann. Corps
1 Division of Pine woods
got his papers at Mobile 1866
and left with Cunningham to get
the money
David Bonely
papers left with
Col Highmount
Montgomery, Ala

Ann Harbison living on
the Youngs place
with Harbison

A. G. Cunningham
Denounce Tony Jackson from
his wife - and told them they could marry
again, to any one they chose
Tony Jackson then Married Ann Shaw and
Caused a Bill to be obtained before the Grand Jury

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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Hamburg (Ashley County)

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B Walkers Acct & account of amount to be paid by ~~Ellis Lester~~ Geo Burks

Shirt 45c. Shoes 3,00. Drss 3,00. Stockings, 50c
Head handkerchief, 50

	100
	45c
	300
	300
	1150

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Allford H. M.	7	8	15			5	20	
72 Agee L. C.	3	1	4		2	7	13	Part of Ord as per contract
91 Allen W. L.	3	2	5		1	3	9	½ of cnt 1867 as per contract

	Male employees	Female employees	Total employees	Not under contract: Males	Females	Children	Total Population	
Bethune S B	3	4	7			3	10	Caroline $8. Mat Bethune $8.00
Belser & Denton No 14	6	4	10		4	10	24	
Bell. W. L. No 39	2	2	4				4	To receive one fourth
Bell. J. H. No 40	26	19	45					Those that work for one part to have 1/3 crop
Bell. S. S. 58	8	11	19			11	30	To receive one third net proceeds of crop
Butler. W L (83)	6	7	13					To receive one half of crop as contract.
Butler. W. L. (84)	9	6	15					To receive time wages a part to receive part of the crop. as per contract
Bullock J. W. (96)	4		4					To receive part of crop as contract
Blanks J. F. 97	2	2	4					To receive pt of crop & others for wages per contract

Evans 4,00 Stephen $17,00 Vivian $12,50 Milley $7.00 Susana Elsa Bethune $8,00 Feed & good clothe for all

the crop. 1 Bbl Pork 12 Bshls Meal & 13 yds Domestic & the house

part of crop to receive one third the crop one part & pay 1/3 expenses Those for wages as reference to Contract

Names of Employers	No. of Hands: Males	Females	Total of Hands	Laborers: Males	Females	Children	Total Population		
No 19									
Carter Jno. R-		1	1			1		Mary. Smith with good clothes	to receive four 33⅓ Dollars per month to be furnished Food and Medicine & Medical attention —
No 24									
Cammack. A. B	1	1	2			2	4	To receive one third to pay for Rent ♥ &c-	of the Crop to receive substantial rations for those Laborers Bills for those that do not labour
No. 25									
J. R. Capps & J. H. Sawyer	1	1	2			2		To receive $150 for the Two	
32									
Crocker E. C.	5	5	10			3	13	Patrons to receive receive one third Meal for Meals	$7.00 per month. Self & 3 children to be fed. The other hands to of Crop & the third of Corn wood to receive 4 ℔ Bacon & 1 peck to the hand
33									
Cockran. J. W.		2				3	5	To receive one	fourth the Crop and 34 Bbl Meal & 360 pounds Bacon
43									
Carter. Samuel M.	25	14	39		3	13	55		
No 44									
Carlock & Clark	6	4	10						
53									
Crane J. M	1		1			1			
No 57									
Cuny. R. H & J. D.	2	3	5			4	9	To receive one half of Crop Made by Them	
No 67									
Cone. G. W.		2	2			2	4		

Names of Employer	No of Persons Male	No of Persons Female	Total No of Persons	No of Persons do not Labour Men	No of Persons do not Labour Women	No of Persons do not Labour Children	No of Persons do not Labour Total of Persons	Condition
77 Cassimack. N. 2. Cannack. Louis	11	9	20			1		To receive ¼ of crop by contract
79 Cannack. N. 2 Cannack L. L	12	3	15					To receive ¼ of crop by contract

Names of Employers	No of hands Male	No of hands Female	No of hands Total	No that do not Labor Male	No that do not Labor Female	No that do not Labor Children	No that do not Labor Total Population		
No 20									
Deaton Mrs. P. K.		1	1			1	2	To receive $9,	Nine Dollars per month.
No 21									
D. Yampert. M. B.	6	4	10.			1	11.	Nancy Giles to get Two The remainder Made by them	To receive $80, Eighty Dollars for a years service to Keep Garments and Two under garments. herself & child of the hands to receive one half of the crop and to pay for said Cloths and Doctor Bills themselves & families
No. 32									
D. Yampert. J. L.	15	5	20			4	24.	To receive one one third of Meat to the hand	half of the crop in the New Land. and to receive the Crop Made on the old Land. To receive one pair one Winter suit Cloths for all hands each.
34									
Donaldson & Bell	4	6	10			3	13	Three work for part for each one. Board & Outer Cloths	of the crop to receive one third the crop 180 & Bacon & Medicine Alfred Pippin agreed to receive one fourth the crop made by them each & Medicine. Three that work for Wages as per contract to be fed & clothed
96									
Dunn D.	1		1					To receive part of Crop	
98									
Dickerson & Bell	3	1	4			1	5	To receive Wages per contract	

Name of Employer	No. Employed		Total Employed	No. Dependents			Total Dependents	Remarks
	Males	Females		Males	Females	Children		
do do								
Peterson Bettle	4		4				4	Will work as per contract

Name of Employer	No. Employees			No. absent and cause				
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Cause	Total	
101 Fisher Body Co	14	16	30		3	10	43	to receive one third of cost as contract

Names of Employer	Number of Hands: Males	Females	Total Hands	Number that do not labor: Males	Females	Children	Blind Deaf & Dumb		
No 6 C P Lee	1	2	3			3	6		The Family My. Fuel &
J F Lee No 8	3	2	5			1	6		George Lee is to $100, each per year medicin & pay for their quarters
Gillespie Sarah C No 11	3				3	7	13		To receive one each hand 9 Doctors

to receive Fuel cloth medicine to extent of employers abilquarters and $175.00 dollars for 4 years and the mother to have 3 months time to work for herself. three children to be fed. Mother & three children fed when she does not work

receive $200, Nathan Lee $200, Cenc. Menna & Jack Lee
The party to recive 1000 lbs Bacon 65 bushels corn medical attention to extent of Employers ability to own clothes and their own doctors bills. Fuel and furnished.

Half the entire crop and one peck of meal per week 20 and Employees to pay for their own & families feed cloths Bills

Names of Employees	Number of employees: Males	Females	Members not on contract	Children not on contract	Total employees	Total Population		
Hadley Thomas J.	16	7	8	18	23	46		To recieve one third the cotton one 4 the corn found meal
Hazard & McBride #4	4	2	3	9	6	18		To " one third the crop & find themselves
Holloway J & Bro #9	5	3	2	7	8	17		To recieve one third the entire crop and one peck of meal per week to the hands that labor. To pay for all other supplies except medicine
No. 45								
Herod & Tignor	22	22			44	44		
46								
Hawkins. M. L.		1			1	1		
47								
Hill. James	2	2	1	8	4	15		
54								
Hill. James. J.	1		1	3	1	5		
60								
Henley. W. J.	2	2	2	5	4	11		1/2 of crop after wages
82								
Hanley J. B.	6	3	1	9	9	19		1/2 of crop. under contract
Harris. W. L. 85		1						to recieve wages @ $37.50 per mo
Harbeson P & A.P. No 90	3	3			6			to recieve wages as per Contract

Names of Employer	Number that Labored			No. that did not Labor				Remarks & Conditions
	Males	Females	Total	Male	Females	Children	Total Persons	
(92 Hankins J.R.F.	15	14	33			17	50	To receive one half of crop finish themselves -
(94 Hunt. W.		1	1					To receive wages as in contract
99 Hunnicutt W.M.	3	3	6					To receive one half crop

	Employees Male	Employees Female	Total Employees	Females Fit to work Extra	Children over 12 yrs.	Total Population	
2/11 Kittrell W C	17	7	24	10	29	63	Employer to Fur and 4 lbs of tivated to count themselves and for all that do to make crop
48 Kitchens. Jefs. C.	4	2	6			6	
Ketchens. W. P. 55	1	1				2	
King. G. R. Crop 75	8	9	17	5	17	39	To receive 1/4 of the crop made as he entered

Conditions of Contract

nish Land Teams Tools Feed for teams Fuel & quarters Bacon & one peck of meal per full hand. & every 12 acres of land cultivated to count a full hand. Employees to furnish Labor cloth pay Doctors Bills, and to Feed cloth & pay Doctors bills for Labor on the field and to have all time not required gather & secure it. & Keep plantation in repair

Conditions & Contracts

Name of Employer	Number Employees: Males	Number Employees: Females	Total Employed	Number on Plantation that do not Labor: Males	Number on Plantation that do not Labor: Females	Number on Plantation that do not Labor: Children	Number on Plantation that do not Labor: Total Dependents	
No 7 Saffire Ammond	3	4	7			4	11	The Employers agrees for Recieves $12.50 per month Emaline Thomas Roberts good cloths medicine and children that do not also Doctors Bills &
62 Lee Henry	1	1	2		1	3	6	I recaie on half Entire crop -

Wages and do all work required about a hotel David Keys George $6.00 per month & Fillis Roberts $6.00 per month & Rose Roberts $2.00 per month and good cloths cloths Ruth Barkley $6.00 per month William Ekreation good Doctors bills. All the Employees to be fed also four labor Employees pay for cloths not agreed to be furnished medicine not agreed & furnished

Name of Employees	Number Employees: Males	Females	Total Employees	No employed in other than Labor: Males	Females	Children	Total Population	Conditions of Contracts
No 57								
Morgan W. F.		1	1				1	$8 per month. Clothing to the amt of 2 under + 2 over garments. 1 pr Shoes and Board
49								
Moffett. James	4	4	8				8	
50								
Moore. B. F.	4	3	7		1	2	10	
51								
Moore. S. E.	1	1	2				2	
63								4 hands to receive one third the crop and 3 hands Wages
Murphey W. H.	3	4	7		2		9	
64								To receive one half of Crop Made by them
Martin. J. A.	1	1	2				2	
No 68								
McCollock. J. B.	2	1	3				3	
69								
Murphy. W. C.	1	1	2			1	3	To receive Wages as per contract
71								
McCombs. W. H.	1		1		1	1	3	To receive one half of crop as per contract

	No Employees Males	Females	Total Employees	No of Children that do not labor Males	Females	Children	Total Employees	
(81) Meek. James. B.	6	2	8	1		3	12	To receive 2/5 of the crop. on contract
(86) Morschheimer Henry	4	2	6					To receive 1/3 of the crop as per contract.
(87) Morschheimer Henry	9	7	16					a part to receive Wages a part to receive pt of crop as per contract

Name of Employer	Employees		Total Employees	Members not required to labor			Total Population	
	Males	Females		Women	Children	Men		
No 6								Employer to furnish 50 ters. & Feed for
Newton Jesse J	5	1	6		2		8	Employees = To pay Bill for Self & family the Crop. Receive all land cleared

Conditions of Contract

acres of Land, teams tools, Seed for teams, medicine, Fuel & provi-
Employees.
nish labor to tend 50 acres of land, in cotton cloth & pay doctors
to work at clearing land when not engaged in
one fourth the crop and ten dollars per acre for
finding himself when not clearing land

Name of Employer	Employees: Males	Females	Total Employees	Women not under contract to Labor	Children not under contract to Labor	Men not under contract to Labor	Total employed	
No 5 Pugh R A	8	12	20		6		26	Employer to furnish at cost & Employees to all time not carriage Feed recieve Inr
No 15 Phippin A. L.	3	1	4				4	Willis. Motor. The remainder
5C Price W. S	1	1					2	
79 Perkins David	4	2	6		2		8	To recieve one third of crop to contract

Conditions of Contract

rent land, teams, Tools Feed for teams & Supply Employees Carriage & furnish medicine {Com not charged to Employees at more than 15c per bushel} furnish labor to make gather & secure the crop To have required to make & secure the crop To pay for at cost & cloth & Doctors Bills for themselves & families and fifths of all crop made by them

To recieve Six Dollars per month. Board clothes & Doctor Bills & ~~recieve~~ one half the crop. To feed cloth & Doctor Bills

Name of Employee	No of Hands: Males	Females	Total Labor	No Children under 16 yrs of age: Males	Females	Total Children	Total Population		
No 23									
Rolf. W. G.	1	1	2			4	6	John Lasseter Eliza "	to receive Twelve 50/100 Dollars per month to receive Eight- Dollars per month to receive clothes and Board. She to pay for the clothing & keep clothes for Boy Alfred
No 26									
Robinson Jno. W.	12	6	18			4	22.	To receive for Hampton	Spend one half of entire crop and pay for them furnish clothes & on Bibb
								To receive for the Bibb- and one	other Negroes - one half of crop. pay for them clothes furnished and 1/2 half feed for Teams -
57									
Ramsom J. F.	3	3	6			11	17		

		Employes			Ats under contract					
		Males	Females	Total Employes	Males	Females	Children	Total Population		
Sadler Mrs M J	1/15	3	3	6				6	To receive one third of the crop and be found seed & cloth medicin and med. attendance to the extent of Employers ability	
Stroop. L. H	30	6	8	14		1	6	31	To receive one half of the crop. To pay for share one cloth. seed and Doctor Bills be furnished cloth & Board for himself & 4 children Also to receive & Board	
Simpson. W. H.	31	5	0	5				5	To receive Wages as proceeds of 160 acres land	
Sawyers & Capers	do 52	4	7	11				11		
Stell. W. B.	65		1	1				1	To receive Wages	
Sherrer F. L.	76	2	1	3		1	5	9	To receive 1/4 the crop to contract	
Simmons John Sr	93	20	21	41					To receive one half of the crop to contract	
Stillwell Thomas	100	7	3	10					To receive one half crop as per contract	
Snodgrass T. H.	102	1	1	2					To receive 1/3 the crop to contract	

	Employes			Not under contract					
	Males	Females	Total employed	Males	Females	Children	Total Population		
Tucker R F & Co	8	8	16		1	6	23	Employees to receive one half the entire crop Pay for Feed cloth med. & Doctors Bills and teams tools & cart and carriage	for themselves and families. Employers to furnish feed for teams and advance supplies to hands at
No 36									
Turnbow. J. E.	4	1	5					To receive one third compensation for all	the crop and one peck meal each per week. and pork for work out each crop. Employees pay for all supplies out side
No 41									
Tebbs. Mrs. M. C.		1				2	3	To receive $10 - per Month	and board for her 3 children the eldest one to be clothed in addition
61									
Turnstill & Scott	9	4	13		7	16	36	To receive one half of crop	
62									
Tho. Henry	1	1	2		1	3	6	To receive one half of entire Crop	
73									
Thompson A. J.	3	1	4				4	To receive 1/3 of crop to contract	
74									
Thompson P. A.	4	5	9		1	4	14	To receive 1/2 the crop to contract	
88									
Thach. E.	1	1		2		2	4	to receive Wages as per contract	

Names of Employees	Employees			Clerks and others			Total of Persons
	Males	Females	Total	Male	Female	Children	

Names Employers	Employees Males	Females	Total Employees	Persons over 16 yrs. not under contract to labor	Children over 16 yrs. under contract to labor	Men over 16 yrs. under contract to labor	Total Population	
No 4								
Millon Jack	14	13	27	4	14	1	46	Employer to furnish Land teams tools Feed for teams fuel & quarters and medicine. & one peck of meal per week for each hand Employees to work the entire year. 867 find them cloths and provisions except meal. & pay doctors bills. To find cloth & pay doctors bills for all who do not labor and to recieve one third of every thing grown by them
No. 16								
Wimberley. J. M.	3	2	5				5	Employer to furnish Land teams tools. feed of teams fuel and quarters Medicine and one peck of meal pr week for each hand. Employers to furnish Raw cloth and provisions. except. Meal. & pay Doctor Bills And to receive. one half of the entire crop made by them
No. 17								
Ward. R. W.	4.	1	5	1	5		11	Henry. Green Isaac- by him + and Doctor Andrew of the crop to recieve four Dollars pr month Board. cloth. & Doc. Bills Rodman. To recieve one half of the entire crop made Wife-Lowry. Wimberley - to furnish there own cloth. find Bills. for themselves & families. Calaway and Allen Calaway To recieve two fifths Made by them. To pay for cloth. Board & Doctor Bill for themselves and families -
No 18								
Wiggins & McCants	1	2		3	2		5	Do.

Names of Employers	Employers Males	Employers Females	Total Employers	No that do not labour Males	No that do not labour Females	No that do not labour Children	No that do not labour Total Occupiers		
No. 37.									
Wilson. J. H. & N. S.	8	5	13		1	3	17	To receive one half the crops and families for all that work fed and one acre of Cotton —	To pay the feed of themselves. Teams and cloths & Doctor Bills for themselves for part of the crop. and those that work for wages to be
No 38									
Whillow. G. M —	5	4	9			3	12	To receive Stipulated Wages	as per contract, all to be fed. 3 children to be fed & Doctor Bills
No 29									
Wimberley. G. H.	12	11	23					To receive one half the crop To find themselves all that	crop Made and receive 1 peck meal per week for those that labour work & part of crop those that work for Wages furnish cloths &
do 54.									
Wiggins. & McLeods	10	17	27		5	16	48	To receive one half the food. cloth and one half feed	crop made by them, the Employers to find their own. for Teams. and Doctor Bills. for themselves and families
No 35									
Wiggins. C. H.	2	4	6		1	9	16.	To receive one third the they pay all other supplies for them Rice and the Board —	crop made by them. & furnish 1 peck meal per week for each Labourer that work for part crop. those work for Wages. that is Many Families to receive
66									
Wamack J. P.	11	6	17		2	6	25	To receive one third crop made by them. and found	
80									
Whitlow W. B.	3	2	5				5	to receive ½ of entire crop as contract	
Whitlaw Rufus	5	5	10					to receive Wages & one acre Cotton — as per Contract	
95									
Wallace. J. G.		1	1					To receive Wages per Contract	

Names of Employer	Employed			Dependents			Total Population	
	Males	Females	Over 16 yrs	Males	Females	Children		
Walker & Harbell	1	2	1				1	Calvin Davis & wife. Rec Lives over Sam Thacker to receive one half the Entire Crop Made by them, and Pay for all provissions Clothing Medicine & Doctor bills for themselves and Families [redacted]ll

Walker & Kerbell

5 Hands cultivate 3 Acres of land Receive 1/2 the Entire crop Made Pay for Everything Same as hands on Opposite page

Roll 10

Target 7

SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Hamburg (Ashley County)

Miscellaneous Records Sept. 1866–July 1868

NARA 724

Marie Salume
Dec. 7. 1866.

S. L. Lawson.

NARA 725

Pine Bluff Sept 4 1866.

OF

Regiment

for the purpose of Collecting

Said Discharge

Marion D. Williams

Marie Saline Dec 7th 1866

Capt Taylor

I Send you the Ware House Reciept for the Nine Bales Cotton Stored here Subject to your Order - I have Shiped Mrs Christians Eight Bales - to the House of Gilmer Hopkins & Co - They furnished the Bagging & Rope for the Whole Crop If you have no other House in View I Would be glade you Would Order it Sent to that House.

I Am Very Respectfully your Obt
S L Lawson

NARA 726

Hamburg

Act Sales
Dec 24/64
Cotton sold.
Among Super-
Taylor, Jas
ofe & Freedmen

Hamburg

NARA 727

Account Sales by Gilmer. Hopkins & Co of 9 Bls Cotton
Received per Stmr Rose Franks December 24th 1866 & sold for acct
Freedmen through J. S. Taylor

T	9 Bls.	458					
		472					
		467					
		479					
		478					
		486					
		458					
		412					
		468					
	mhg	4172	@	30¢			1251 60

Charges.

Freight $27 & charges $136 22/100 per Bl		163 98	
Riser Insurance Val $175 per Bl	1½%	23 62	
Fire do do do	1%	15 75	
U.S. Direct Tax & Brokerage	3/8%	4 68	
Louisiana State Tax	¼%	3 13	
Drayage, Storage, Labor & whg per Bl	60¢	5 40	
Commission 2½%		31 29	247 85
Net Proceeds to be Freedmen thro' J. S. Taylor			$1003 75

E & O. E.

New Orleans Jany 5th 1867
Gilmer, Hopkins & Co
per Jno. G. Boyd

NARA 72A

S. I. Cook
Receipt
for Papers to
be called for
Dan'l Shelgamport

NARA 779

Received of David. Dyampert. Colard. the following Claims
to collect. To wit-

on Note dated July 1st 1866 — 4 Days — $49.00
Signed N. B. DeGyampert —

one Note dated July 1st 1866 4 Days — 40.00
Signed N. B. deGyampert — — —

account of Brice Patch
1 Acre & 1 Rod — at $5 per Acre — 5.13
$94.13

a/c to Davis for Clothing 1 Coat, 2 Shirts, 2 pr pants & one Blanket —

a/c to Dicey 2 dresses 3 under Garments
1 Quilt & Blanket — —

all the above due by N B. deGyampert
Which I am to collect or return the
above papers — this 18th April 8th 1867

David I Cook

NARA 73A

$80.00/100

Ashley County Ark
Jan 11th 1867

Twelve months after date I promes to pay to William Smith and Ephrain Smith the sum of Eighty dollars for Value Recived Said money to be devided when paid equally between the two parties. W. H. G. Smith

N. P. CHIPMAN, A. A. HOSMER, C. D. GILMORE,

Attorneys and Collection Agents,

Office: No. 446, 14th Street.

Washington, D. C., Jany 20 1868

No. 21332

Docket

Received from W. G. Cunningham Esq
of Lake Village State of Ark
case of Zach. Williams Col. Pioneer Corps 1 Div 16th army Corps
claiming Bounty,
Remarks:

☞ In making inquiries concerning this case, please state the docket and number.

Mecenburger for
CHIPMAN, HOSMER & CO.

NARA 731

Rec'd also Feb 20th 1868 the following

15 Account in favor of A. V. Green Esq
for $75.00 to be paid in Cash at 10 per Ct
& 27.50 Twenty Seven 50/100 Dollars for Printing in Alton at 10 cts
per page on W. B. Dyamport & J. L. Dyamport
Dated Jany 17th 1868

John Carroll atty

Rec'd also March 20th 1868 the following

John Carroll atty. Receipt & claims

14 One Note Drawn payable one day after date
by H. H. Alfred to Peter Lavagn for
$22. Twenty Two Dollars

15 account against W B. Dyamport
in favour of Sam'l Chuks. for $22.00

16. ~~one a/c against~~ ~~R. H. Noble~~ ~~in favor~~
~~of Sophia Small Col.~~ ~~for Ninety Six~~ Dollars
~~Dismissed~~ ~~Settled~~
~~Subject to Certain Credit on Settlement~~

Paid 17 ~~one note against R. F. Walker~~ Due August 31st
March 28th 1867 ~~Settled~~
1866 for Eighty three 33/100 Dollars in favor of Sallie, Col.

18, one note against C. A. Haynes in favor of Elizabeth
Haynes Col. for Fifty one 29/100 Dollars due Oct. 31st 1867

19, one due bill against J. G. Wallace for Eight 30/100 Dolls
in favor of Cynthia Millers Col. due Oct. 28th 1867

John Carroll atty

Amt Collected and paid Stall Fee for Receipt $20
" " " in Office Cash 43
Commission on $70 - 10 per cent 7.—
$70.00

Rec'd also for Collection May 27th 1868 as above one note against
D. F. Dunn due Jan 1st 1868 in favor of Miss M. Shane Col'd
for Twenty four Dollars

John Carroll atty

Paid June 2/68 in Bacon for
Certificate $26 Dollars - being amt due after deducting fee

NARA 739

Rec'd Hamburg Ark Feb. 14th 1868 from Lt. Col.
George F Lowle agt. of B. R F. & A. L. of Ashley
County the following Claims for Collection viz.
1st an obligation on J. R. Williams & F. Hunter Col. for
two hundred Dollars due Dec 25th 1866
2nd an obligation on Thos. Hale, J. M. Searcy & J. S. Grubbs in
favor of Z. F. Spencer agt. for John Spencer admr. of Saml.
Spencer for Four hundred Dollars due Jan 1st 1866
3rd One note against H. Wells in favor of Mariah Wells Col'd
for Thirteen 50/100 Dollars due Aug 8th 1866
4th a due Bill from W. B. Deyamport for one hundred
and Eighty two Dollars Dated March 25th 1867 Stat Lawn
5th one note for $11.27/100 Dollars Dated April 12th 1867 from W.
B. DeJamport to David DeJamport, due one day after date
6th a Statue s/c for Two 50/100 Dollars [redacted]
from W. B DeJamport
7th Duplicate on F. L. Carlock by Molly Rose in favor
of L. R L. Curtis for $40.00 due Jan 1st 1867
8. one note from T. M. Gibson due Jan 1st 1866 to
Shedrick Gibson Col'd for fifty eight Dollars
9th a due bill from Do for a fine of ten Dollars
to be paid Jan 1st 1866
10th a note against W. F. Cooper in favor of Jackson
Matthis Col'd for $15.34/100 Dollars due May 6th 1866 and
Credited May 5th 1866 with $1.75/100
11th a note for $21.50/100 being balance due Sept. 7th 1865 from
S. H. Jones to Sol. M. Zile or bearer due Jan 1st 1866
12th a note due Jan 1st 1866 from D. J. Stallcup to
Sol. M Zile for $58.00/100 all of which I promise to act for
according to law. John Carole Atty

NARA 733

$20.00/100 Received Hamburg Ashley County Ark
April 20th 1868 from Col J. F. Dowle by the
hands of John Carole the Sum of Twenty Dollars
Collected for me from W. B. DeJarnett
Attest, his
Natt. X Lee
mark
John Walker Sergt Co D 2 & mtg.

Received May 30 1868 of the Bureau R F
& A L Hamburg. by the hands of S. B
Wiggins Clerk Fifteen Dollars & 57 cts
$15.57/100. of My part of Money Collected of
W B. DeJarnett - by Jno Carroll
his
Clerk George + Lee
mark
S B Wiggins

NARA 794

Receipts
for
Money
much

from Geo.
Reed
for gals.

Pd Boy for 20 lbs
Cash
Commission

NARA 735

Wily Simpson
Note #6
& Nathan Lee

NARA 736

$100. Boston June 4th 1868 Of Bureau
R. F. & A. L. Hamley One Hundred Dollars
1 lb common to collect 10 pr cent from
Wm. Of. Dezamprost & Camille James his + Jamieson
attest John Carole mark

Received the 3rd June 1868 of Genl B
Wiggins Clerk B.R.F.&A.L. Twenty, Seven 80/100 Dollars
in full for the Money collected for W.B. Dezamprost
Attest his
Nathan + Gee
G. B. Alexander mark

$6.30/100 Hamburg June 13th 1868

Due Nathan Gee Col. on demand
the Sum of Six 30/100 Dollars for Value
Received with interest from date until
Paid at the Rate of Ten per Cent.

Wily Simpson

NARA 737

Serda. Motts
Receipt
$15.26.

Kemp. Smith
Receipt
$8.65

Hamburg July 8th 1868

Rec'd from Col L. F. Louke Supt. of B of R, F. & A. L.
Fifteen & 26/100 Dollars the Amount due to Mr. Curtis
& Co. within named Claim

R W Noble

NARA 73R

Received of S B Higgins Eaight. 65/100
Dollars. Cash left in office for me
this June 19 " 1868. Kemp + Smith
mark

Receivd. of S B Higgins Eight 8 R Forty
Fifteen 30/100 Dollars on account of Battle
Eatmen. on settlement for 1867 —
this June 27, 1868
Test. Lourden his + Mott
mark
C. L. Cleveland

July 6 1868

Mr John Carol.

Please pay the money that you collected for me over to R. W. Noble and this shal be your receipt-

C K Carter

NARA 799

Unfinished Business
pertaining to B. R. R. of
Col Saunders

1891

Thomas Rourke
& Hotel claims Against
& Contract for Building
at Hamburg Ashley Co

Col Saunders

Debie, Moore, & Co
Mary Lou - & Bro

Col D. H. Moore
Morris, Moore
Reed, Evans

Col Saunders

This Day Jim Tinsley
says he gave a Note on Mr Moten
of $20. to you. Mr Carroll says
he has never had it, nor it
is not in the office —

Yours Truly

NARA 74A

No. 23.

Qr. Mr.

MONTHLY RETURN

OF

QUARTERMASTER'S STORES

Pertaining to Bureau R.F. & A.L.
received and issued

in the

Month ending 20 of October

18 67

NARA 741

No. 23.

NOTE.

Two to be sent to the Quartermaster General's Office, one with abstracts and vouchers, and one without them.

MONTHLY RETURN OF QUARTERMASTER'S STORES

Pertaining to The Bureau R F & A L

Received, issued, and remaining on hand

at Hamburg Ark in the month

of October, 1867.

By S S Taylor Lieut Col & A Q M

Supt R F & A Quartermaster

NOTE

The property on this return will be classed as follows, viz:

1. **Fuel.**
2. **Forage.**
3. **Straw.**
4. **Stationery.**
5. **Barrack, Hospital, and Office furniture.**
6. **Means of transportation, including harness, &c.**
7. **Building materials.**
8. **Veterinary tools and Horse medicines.**
9. **Blacksmiths' tools.**
10. **Carpenters' tools.**
11. **Wheelwrights' tools.**
12. **Masons' and Bricklayers' tools.**
13. **Miscellaneous tools for fatigue and garrison purposes**
14. **Stores for expenditure—such as Iron, Steel, Horse-shoes, Rope, &c., &c., to be classed alphabetically**

NARA 747

Pertaining to Bureau R & F

Monthly Return of Quartermaster's Stores received and issued at Hamburg Ark in the Month

DATE.	ABSTRACTS, &c.	CLASSES	1. FUEL.				
			WOOD.			COAL.	
			Cords.	Feet.	Inches.	Anthracite.	Bituminous.
			No.	No.	No.	Pounds.	Pounds.
	Per last return	On hand					
	Abstract D	Received by purchase					
	" E	" from officers					
	" N	Fabricated, taken up, &c.					
		Total to be accounted for					
	Per Abstract F	Fuel					
	" G	Forage					
	" H	Straw					
	" I	Stationery					
	" K	Special issues					
	" L	Expended, sold, &c.					
	" M	Issued and transferred					
		Total issued and expended					
		Total remaining on hand					
	CONDITION . . . 1	In good order					
	2	Unfit for service, but repairable					
	3	Totally unfit for service					

2. FORAGE.					3. STRAW.	4. STATIONERY.										
Corn.	Oats.	Hay.	Fodder.		For Bedding.	Foolscap Paper.	Letter Paper.	Foliopost Paper.	Envelope Paper.	Envelopes.	Blank Books.	Blank Books.		Ink.	Ink Powder.	Wafers.
Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.		Pounds.	Qrs.	Qrs.	Qrs.	Qrs.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Botts.	Papers	Ozs.

NARA 743

ending on the 20th of October, 1867, by J S Taylor Sup 15th C + Asst B R F & A L

4. STATIONERY..

Abstract, &c.	Sealing Wax.	Steel Pens.	Quills.		Office Tape.	Inkstands.	Office Letter	Office Note			
	Ozs.	No.	Gross.	No.	Pieces.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
O. H.							1	1			
D.											
E.											
N.							1	1			
F.											
G.											
H.											
I.											
K.											
L.											
M.							1	1			
							1	1			
							0	0			
1											
2											
3											

Here insert any extra leaves that may be required by the number of articles borne on the Return.

NARA 744

Abstract, &c.	O. H.	D.	E.	N.	F.	G.	H.	I.	K.	L.	M.			1	2	3

I CERTIFY, on honor, that the foregoing Return exhibits a true and correct statement of all the Property which has come into my hands, on account of the ~~Quartermaster's Department,~~ Bureau R. F. & A. L., during the month ending on the 20th of October, 1867.

J. S. Taylor
Dep. Gov. & C. Supt. B. R. F. & A. L.

NARA 745

No. 23.

Qr. Mr.

MONTHLY RETURN

OF

QUARTERMASTER'S STORES

Pertaining to Bureau R. I. & A. L.
received and issued

in the

Month ending 20 of October

18 67

NARA 74A

No. 23.

NOTE.

Two to be sent to the Quartermaster General's Office, one with abstracts and vouchers, and one without them.

MONTHLY RETURN OF QUARTERMASTER'S STORES

Pertaining to The Bureau R F & A L

Received, issued, and remaining on hand

at in the month

of , 18 .

By

Quartermaster

NOTE

The property on this return will be classed as follows, viz:

1. **Fuel.**
2. **Forage.**
3. **Straw.**
4. **Stationery.**
5. **Barrack, Hospital, and Office furniture**
6. **Means of transportation, including harness, &c.**
7. **Building materials.**
8. **Veterinary tools and Horse medicines.**
9. **Blacksmiths' tools.**
10. **Carpenters' tools.**
11. **Wheelwrights' tools.**
12. **Masons' and Bricklayers' tools.**
13. **Miscellaneous tools for fatigue and garrison purposes**
14. **Stores for expenditure—such as Iron, Steel, Horse-shoes, Rope, &c., &c., to be classed alphabetically**

HARA 747

Pertaining to B. R. & H. Hd Qrs

Monthly Return of Quartermaster's Stores received and issued at Bramley Barracks in the Month

CLASSES			1. FUEL.				
			WOOD.			COAL.	
DATE.	ABSTRACTS, &c.		Cords.	Feet.	Inches.	Anthracite.	Bituminous.
			No.	No.	No.	Pounds.	Pounds.
	Per last return	On hand					
	Abstract D	Received by purchase					
	" E	" from officers					
	" N	Fabricated, taken up, &c.					
	Total to be accounted for						
	Per Abstract F	Fuel					
	" G	Forage					
	" H	Straw					
	" I	Stationery					
	" K	Special issues					
	" L	Expended, sold, &c.					
	" M	Issued and transferred					
	Total issued and expended						
	Total remaining on hand						
	CONDITION 1	In good order					
	2	Unfit for service, but repairable					
	3	Totally unfit for service					

2. FORAGE.					3. STRAW.	4. STATIONERY.										
Corn.	Oats.	Hay.	Fodder.		For Bedding.	Foolscap Paper.	Letter Paper.	Foliopost Paper.	Envelope Paper.	Envelopes.	Blank Books.	Blank Books.		Ink.	Ink Powder.	Wafers.
Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.		Pounds.	Qrs.	Qrs.	Qrs.	Qrs.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Botts.	Papers	Ozs.

NARA 74R

ending on the 2d of October, 1867, by 1st Lieut 15th Inf Left B R for Atl

4. STATIONERY.

Abstract, &c.	Sealing Wax.	Steel Pens.	Quills.		Office Tape.	Inkstands.	Office Ink	Office Desk			
	Ozs.	No.	Gross.	No.	Pieces.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
O. H.							1	1			
D.											
E.											
N.											
							1	1			
F.											
G.											
H.											
I.											
K.											
L.											
M.							1	1			
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1											
2											
3											

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HARR 749

Abstract, &c.																								
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D S Taylor
Bvt Lt Col & Supt R F & L

NARA 75A

No. 23.

d. S. Taylor a. a. Qr. Mr.

MONTHLY RETURN

OF

QUARTERMASTER'S STORES

received and issued

in the

Month ending 20 of October

1867

NARA 751

No. 23.

NOTE.

Two to be sent to the Quartermaster General's Office, one with abstracts and vouchers, and one without them.

MONTHLY RETURN OF QUARTERMASTER'S STORES

Received, issued, and remaining on hand

at Hamburg Ark's in the month

of October, 1867.

By D. S. Taylor 1st Lieut

A. A. - *Quartermaster*

NOTE

The property on this return will be classed as follows, viz:

1. **Fuel.**
2. **Forage.**
3. **Straw.**
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Monthly Return of Quartermaster's Stores received and issued at Hamburg Ark in the Month

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Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.		Pounds.	Qrs.	Qrs	Qrs.	Qrs.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Botts.	Papers	Ozs.
	3439															
	3439															
	480															
	2959															
	3439															
	0															

NARA 783

ending on the 20 of October, 1867, by D S Taylor 1st Lieut 15 U S C

A A 2 M

4. STATIONERY.

Abstract, &c.	Sealing Wax.	Steel Pens.	Quills.		Office Tape.	Inkstands.	Lead Pencils				
	Ozs.	No.	Gross.	No.	Pieces.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
O. H.							89	2	2	1	
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Here insert any extra leaves that may be required by the number of articles borne on the Return.

| Abstract, &c. | | |

NARA 754

No. 23.

Lt J. J. Taylor -

a a Qr. Mr.

MONTHLY RETURN

OF

QUARTERMASTER'S STORES

received and issued

in the

Month ending 20th of October

18 67

NARA 754

No. 23.

NOTE.

Two to be sent to the Quartermaster General's Office, one with abstracts and vouchers, and one without them.

MONTHLY RETURN OF QUARTERMASTER'S STORES

Received, issued, and remaining on hand

at Hamburg Ark in the month

of October, 1867.

By D. Taylor 1st Lieut 13th Inf C

A A *Quartermaster*

NOTE

The property on this return will be classed as follows, viz:

1. **Fuel.**
2. **Forage.**
3. **Straw.**
4. **Stationery.**
5. **Barrack, Hospital, and Office furniture.**
6. **Means of transportation, including harness, &c.**
7. **Building materials.**
8. **Veterinary tools and Horse medicines.**
9. **Blacksmiths' tools.**
10. **Carpenters' tools.**
11. **Wheelwrights' tools.**
12. **Masons' and Bricklayers' tools.**
13. **Miscellaneous tools for fatigue and garrison purposes**
14. **Stores for expenditure—such as Iron, Steel, Horse-shoes, Rope, &c., &c., to be classed alphabetically**

NARA 737

Monthly Return of Quartermaster's Stores received and issued at Hamburg Ark in the Month

CLASSES			1. FUEL.					2. FORAGE.					3. STRAW.	4. STATIONERY.											
			WOOD.			COAL.																		
DATE.	ABSTRACTS, &c.		Cords.	Feet.	Inches.	Anthracite.	Bituminous.	Corn.	Oats.	Hay.	Fodder.		For Bedding.	Foolscap Paper.	Letter Paper.	Foliopost Paper.	Envelope Paper.	Envelopes.	Blank Books.	Blank Books.		Ink.	Ink Powder.	Wafers.
			No.	No.	No.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.		Pounds.	Qrs.	Qrs.	Qrs.	Qrs.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Botts.	Papers	Ozs.
	Per last return	On hand							3435															
	Abstract D	Received by purchase																						
	" E	" from officers																						
	" N	Fabricated, taken up, &c.																						
	Total to be accounted for								3439															
	Per Abstract F	Fuel																						
	" G	Forage							482															
	" H	Straw																						
	" I	Stationery																						
	" K	Special issues																						
	" L	Expended, sold, &c.																						
	" M	Issued and transferred							2953															
	Total issued and expended								3435															
	Total remaining on hand								00															
	CONDITION 1	In good order																						
	2	Unfit for service, but repairable																						
	3	Totally unfit for service																						

NARA 778

ending on the 26 of October, 1867, by I S Taylor / Bt 15 NC A A Bell

4. STATIONERY.

	Abstract, &c.	Sealing Wax.	Steel Pens.	Quills.		Office Tape.	Inkstands.	Grain Sacks	Boxes	Hand Mallets	Serpentines	
		Ozs.	No.	Gross.	No.	Pieces.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
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NARA 759

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I CERTIFY, on honor, that the foregoing Return exhibits a true and correct statement of all the Property which has come into my hands, on account of the Quartermaster's Department, during the month ending on the 20th of October, 1867.

D S Taylor
1st Lieut 15th Inf & A A Q M

No. 38.

No. ..... Abstract I. ..... Qr. 18 .

Returned Copy.

STATIONERY.

Issued to A. J. Cunningham, 1867.

Sent in duplicate to
Henry Pope. Col. S. A.
& D. C.

Little Rock.

Ark.

NARA 761

No. 38.—(VOUCHER TO ABSTRACT I.)

REQUISITION *for Stationery for* A. G. Cunningham Lt R.F. & A.Q. *stationed at* Fairbury Neb'k, *for the* Month *commencing on the* 1st *of* November, 1867, *and ending on the* ——— *of* ———, 1867.

Quires of Letter Paper.	Quires of Foolscap Paper.	~~Sheets of~~ Envelope ~~Paper~~.	Number of Quills.	Ounces of Wafers.	Ounces of Sealing Wax.	Pieces of Office Tape.	~~Papers of Ink Powder.~~	Bottles black ink	Bottles red ink	
Quire	Quire	20				Paper	2	1	1	

I CERTIFY that the above requisition is correct, and that I have not drawn Stationery for any part of the time specified.

A. G. Cunningham Lieut
Lt R.F. & A.Q.

RECEIVED, at ———, on the ——— of ———, 186 ,
of ——— Quartermaster, U. S. Army,
——— quires of letter paper, ——— quires of foolscap paper, ———
sheets of envelope paper, ——— ~~quills~~, ——— ~~ounces of wafers~~, ——— ~~ounces of sealing wax~~, ——— pieces of tape, ——— ~~papers of ink powder~~, ink
———, in full of the above requisition.

(SIGNED IN DUPLICATE.)

A. G. Cunningham
Lt R.F. & A.Q.

NARA 749

No. 23.

Lt J. L. Taylor
a, a, Qr. Mr.

MONTHLY RETURN

OF

QUARTERMASTER'S STORES

received and issued

in the

Month ending 20 of October

1867

NARA 763

No. 23.

NOTE.

Two to be sent to the Quartermaster General's Office, one with abstracts and vouchers, and one without them.

MONTHLY RETURN OF QUARTERMASTER'S STORES

Received, issued, and remaining on hand

at Hamburg Ark in the month

of October, 1867.

By I S Taylor 1st Lieut 15th Inf

A A *Quartermaster*

NOTE

The property on this return will be classed as follows, viz:

1. **Fuel.**
2. **Forage.**
3. **Straw.**
4. **Stationery.**
5. **Barrack, Hospital, and Office furniture.**
6. **Means of transportation, including harness, &c.**
7. **Building materials.**
8. **Veterinary tools and Horse medicines.**
9. **Blacksmiths' tools.**
10. **Carpenters' tools.**
11. **Wheelwrights' tools.**
12. **Masons' and Bricklayers' tools.**
13. **Miscellaneous tools for fatigue and garrison purposes**
14. **Stores for expenditure—such as Iron, Steel, Horse-shoes, Rope, &c., &c., to be classed alphabetically**

NARA 784

Monthly Return of Quartermaster's Stores received and issued at Hamburg Ark. in the Month

DATE.	ABSTRACTS, &c.	CLASSES	1. FUEL.					2. FORAGE.					3. STRAW.	4. STATIONERY.											
			WOOD.			COAL.																			
			Cords.	Feet.	Inches.	Anthracite.	Bituminous.	Corn.	Oats.	Hay.	Fodder.		For Bedding.	Foolscap Paper.	Letter Paper.	Poliopost Paper.	Envelope Paper.	Envelopes.	Blank Books.	Blank Books.		Ink.	Ink Powder.	Wafers.
			No.	No.	No.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.		Pounds.	Qrs.	Qrs.	Qrs.	Qrs.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Botts.	Papers	Ozs.
	Per last return	On hand							3439															
	Abstract D	Received by purchase																						
	" E	" from officers																						
	" N	Fabricated, taken up, &c.																						
	Total to be accounted for								3439															
	Per Abstract F	Fuel																						
	" G	Forage							480															
	" H	Straw																						
	" I	Stationery																						
	" K	Special issues																						
	" L	Expended, sold, &c.							2957															
	" M	Issued and transferred																						
	Total issued and expended								3439															
	Total remaining on hand								00															
	CONDITION 1	In good order																						
	2	Unfit for service, but repairable																						
	3	Totally unfit for service																						

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ending on the 20 of October, 1867, by J. S. Taylor Lt 15th Inf and A. A. Bell

4. STATIONERY.

	Abstract, &c.	Sealing Wax.	Steel Pens.	Quills.		Office Tape.	Inkstands.	Grain Leather	Morocco	Hair Leather	Letter Clips											
		Ozs.	No.	Gross.	No.	Pieces.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.										
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K.																						
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| Abstract, &c. | | |

NARA 767

No. 23.

A. G. Cunningham
Agt Qr. ~~Mr~~

MONTHLY RETURN

OF

QUARTERMASTER'S STORES
Pertaining to Regiment R. F. & A. C.
received and issued

in the

Month ending 31st of October

18 67

NARA 7AA

No. 23.

NOTE.

Two to be sent to the Quartermaster General's Office, one with abstracts and vouchers, and one without them.

MONTHLY RETURN OF QUARTERMASTER'S STORES

For forming to Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Received, issued, and remaining on hand

at Hamburg Ark in the month

of October, 1867.

By A. G. Cunningham

Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Quartermaster

NOTE

The property on this return will be classed as follows, viz:

1. **Fuel.**
2. **Forage.**
3. **Straw.**
4. **Stationery.**
5. **Barrack, Hospital, and Office furniture.**
6. **Means of transportation, including harness, &c.**
7. **Building materials.**
8. **Veterinary tools and Horse medicines.**
9. **Blacksmiths' tools.**
10. **Carpenters' tools.**
11. **Wheelwrights' tools.**
12. **Masons' and Bricklayers' tools.**
13. **Miscellaneous tools for fatigue and garrison purposes**
14. **Stores for expenditure—such as Iron, Steel, Horse-shoes, Rope, &c., &c., to be classed alphabetically**

NARA 763

Monthly Return of Quartermaster's Stores received Returning Bureau of R. F. & A. L. and issued at Lewisburg Ark in the Month

DATE.	ABSTRACTS, &c.	CLASSES	1. FUEL. WOOD. Cords. No.	Feet. No.	Inches. No.	COAL. Anthracite. Pounds.	Bituminous. Pounds.	2. FORAGE. Corn. Pounds.	Oats. Pounds.	Hay. Pounds.	Fodder. Pounds.		3. STRAW. For Bedding. Pounds.	4. STATIONERY. Foolscap Paper. Qrs.	Letter Paper. Qrs.	Foliopost Paper. Qrs.	Envelope Paper. Qrs.	Envelopes. No.	Blank Books. No.	Blank Books. No.		Ink. Botts.	Ink Powder. Papers	Wafers. Ozs.
	Per last return	On hand																						
	Abstract D	Received by purchase																						
	" E	" from officers																						
	" N	Fabricated, taken up, &c.																						
		Total to be accounted for																						
	Per Abstract F	Fuel																						
	" G	Forage																						
	" H	Straw																						
	" I	Stationery																						
	" K	Special issues																						
	" L	Expended, sold, &c.																						
	" M	Issued and transferred																						
		Total issued and expended																						
		Total remaining on hand																						
	CONDITION 1	In good order																						
	2	Unfit for service, but repairable																						
	3	Totally unfit for service																						

NARA 778

ending on the 31st of October, 1867, by A. G. Cunningham Agent Bureau of R. F. & A. L.

4. STATIONERY.

	Abstract, &c.	Sealing Wax.	Steel Pens.	Quills.		Office Tape.	Inkstands.	Office Tables	Office Desks			
		Ozs.	No.	Gross.	No.	Pieces.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
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I CERTIFY, on honor, that the foregoing Return exhibits a true and correct statement of all the Property which has come into my hands, on account of the ~~Quartermaster's Department~~ Beaureau R.F. & A.L., during the month ending on the 31st of October, 1867.

A. G. Cunningham
Agt R.F. & A.L.

NARA 779

No. 23.

A. G. Cunningham.
Agt.

MONTHLY RETURN

OF

QUARTERMASTER'S STORES

received and issued

in the

Month ending 31st of October

1867

NARA 773

No. 23.

NOTE.

Two to be sent to the Quartermaster General's Office, one with abstracts and vouchers, and one without them.

MONTHLY RETURN OF QUARTERMASTER'S STORES

Received, issued, and remaining on hand

at Hamburg, Ark. in the month

of October, 1867.

By A. G. Cunningham
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
~~Quartermaster~~

NOTE

The property on this return will be classed as follows, viz:

1. **Fuel.**
2. **Forage.**
3. **Straw.**
4. **Stationery.**
5. **Barrack, Hospital, and Office furniture.**
6. **Means of transportation, including harness, &c.**
7. **Building materials.**
8. **Veterinary tools and Horse medicines.**
9. **Blacksmiths' tools.**
10. **Carpenters' tools.**
11. **Wheelwrights' tools.**
12. **Masons' and Bricklayers' tools.**
13. **Miscellaneous tools for fatigue and garrison purposes**
14. **Stores for expenditure—such as Iron, Steel, Horse-shoes, Rope, &c., &c., to be classed alphabetically**

NARA 774

Monthly Return of Quartermaster's Stores received and issued at Hamburg Ashley County Arkansas in the Month

CLASSES			1. FUEL.				
			WOOD.			COAL.	
DATE.	ABSTRACTS, &c.		Cords.	Feet.	Inches.	Anthracite.	Bituminous.
			No.	No.	No.	Pounds.	Pounds.
	Per last return	On hand					
	Abstract D	Received by purchase					
	" E	" from officers					
	" N	Fabricated, taken up, &c.					
	Total to be accounted for						
	Per Abstract F	Fuel					
	" G	Forage					
	" H	Straw					
	" I	Stationery					
	" K	Special issues					
	" L	Expended, sold, &c.					
	" M	Issued and transferred					
	Total issued and expended						
	Total remaining on hand						
	CONDITION 1	In good order					
	2	Unfit for service, but repairable					
	3	Totally unfit for service					

2. FORAGE.					3. STRAW.	4. STATIONERY.										
Corn.	Oats.	Hay.	Fodder.	Grain, Sacks.	For Bedding.	Foolscap Paper.	Letter Paper.	Foliopost Paper.	Envelope Paper.	Envelopes.	Blank Books.	Blank Books.		Ink.	Ink Powder.	Wafers.
Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.		Pounds.	Qrs.	Qrs.	Qrs.	Qrs.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Botts.	Papers	Ozs.
	2959			89												
	264															
	264															
	2695			89												

NARA 773

ending on the 31st of October, 1867, by A. H. Cunningham Agent of Reservation R. F. & A. L.

4. STATIONERY.

Abstract, &c.	Sealing Wax.	Steel Pens.	Quills.		Office Tape.	Inkstands.	Note Paper.	Letter Paper.	Envelopes.		
	Ozs.	No.	Gross.	No.	Pieces.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
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NARA 778

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I CERTIFY, on honor, that the foregoing Return exhibits a true and correct statement of all the Property which has come into my hands, on account of the Quartermaster's Department, during the month ending on the 31st of October, 1867.

A. L. Cunningham
Asst. Quartermaster R. F. & A. L.

NARA 777

No. 23.

A. B. Commissary

Asst Qr. Mr.

MONTHLY RETURN

OF

QUARTERMASTER'S STORES

received and issued

in the

Month ending 31st of October

1867"

NARA 77A

No. 23.

NOTE.

Two to be sent to the Quartermaster General's Office, one with abstracts and vouchers, and one without them.

MONTHLY RETURN OF QUARTERMASTER'S STORES

Received, issued, and remaining on hand

at Hamburg Ark in the month

of October, 1867.

By A. J. Cunningham

Agent Beauregard R. F. & A. L.

~~Quartermaster~~

NOTE

The property on this return will be classed as follows, viz:

1. **Fuel.**
2. **Forage.**
3. **Straw.**
4. **Stationery.**
5. **Barrack, Hospital, and Office furniture.**
6. **Means of transportation, including harness, &c.**
7. **Building materials.**
8. **Veterinary tools and Horse medicines.**
9. **Blacksmiths' tools.**
10. **Carpenters' tools.**
11. **Wheelwrights' tools.**
12. **Masons' and Bricklayers' tools.**
13. **Miscellaneous tools for fatigue and garrison purposes**
14. **Stores for expenditure—such as Iron, Steel, Horse-shoes, Rope, &c., &c., to be classed alphabetically**

NARA 773

Monthly Return of Quartermaster's Stores received and issued at Hamburg & Ashley County Ark. in the Month

DATE.	ABSTRACTS, &c.	CLASSES	1. FUEL.				
			WOOD.			COAL.	
			Cords.	Feet.	Inches.	Anthracite.	Bituminous.
			No.	No.	No.	Pounds.	Pounds.
	Per last return	On hand					
	Abstract D	Received by purchase					
	" E	" from officers					
	" N	Fabricated, taken up, &c.					
		Total to be accounted for					
	Per Abstract F	Fuel					
	" G	Forage					
	" H	Straw					
	" I	Stationery					
	" K	Special issues					
	" L	Expended, sold, &c.					
	" M	Issued and transferred					
		Total issued and expended					
		Total remaining on hand					
	CONDITION 1	In good order					
	2	Unfit for service, but repairable					
	3	Totally unfit for service					

2. FORAGE.					3. STRAW.	4. STATIONERY.										
Corn.	Oats.	Hay.	Fodder.	Grain Sacks.	For Bedding.	Foolscap Paper.	Letter Paper.	Foliopost Paper.	Envelope Paper.	Envelopes.	Blank Books.	Blank Books.		Ink.	Ink Powder.	Wafers.
Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.		Pounds.	Qrs.	Qrs	Qrs.	Qrs.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Botts.	Papers	Ozs.
	2959			89												
	264															
	264															
	2695			89												

ending on the 31st of October, 1867, by A. H. Cunningham Agent of Beaureau R. F. & A. L.

4. STATIONERY.

	Abstract, &c.	Sealing Wax.	Steel Pens.	Quills.		Office Tape.	Inkstands.	Rosen Wax Castiron				
		Ozs.	No.	Gross.	No.	Pieces.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
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HARA 781

| Abstract, &c. | | |

NARA 788

MONTHLY REPORT OF LANDS

In the ~~State~~ of Hamburgh County Ashley Ark.

For the Month of October, 186 6.

I S Taylor

~~Asst Commissioner of the~~
Supt
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen,
and Abandoned Lands.

Ashley Co

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Forwarded ....., 186 .

Rec'd Bu. R. F. & A. L. ....., 186 .

NARA 783

MONTHLY REPORT of Capt D S Taylor, ~~Assistant Commissioner~~ Supt of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, for the ~~State~~ County of Ashley,
of Abandoned or Confiscated Lands in his possession in the ~~State~~ County of Ashley, during the month ending October 31st, 186 6

* NAME OF FORMER OWNER.	LOCATION. County or Parish.	LOCATION. Other Boundaries.	ALTERATIONS SINCE LAST REPORT. Gained. Date.	Gained. How.	Lost. Date.	Lost. How.	HOW HELD. (ABANDONED OR CONFISCATED.)	DESCRIPTION. Cultivated.	Acres Uncultivated. Acres wood-land.	Acres Uncultivated. Acres cleared.	Total No. Acres.	Buildings.	REMARKS.
Anderson Robt	Ashley	28 m S E Monticello	Aug 24/65	Taken up			Abandoned	150	340	150	640	Residence & Quarters	
Leach Jno	"	36 " S E "	Oct 19/65	"			"		600	200	800	Residence & Quarters	Gin & Screw
Riggans Samuel	"	27 S "	Sep 25/65	"			"	200	170	100	2000	"	2 Gins & Screws &c
													The Riggins Plantation is being worked by Mr Riggins himself ~~who rents the~~ in the name of Wm F McCombs ~~negro crops about 2 only~~ who is a partner in the Crop ~~Crop on 200 acres~~
													The Anderson Plantation is being worked by ~~rented~~ negroes to whom the land is rented for cultivation ~~being about 2 on half crop~~ Anderson

NARA 784

No. 10.

A. S. Taylor Sept 18 & 20

A. A. Quartermaster U. S. Army,

at Hamburg Ark

ACCOUNT CURRENT

For the month of January, 1867.

No. 10.

Dr. *The* **UNITED STATES** *in account current with* A S Taylor Lieut & AA *Quartermaster, U. S. Army, on account of the Quartermaster's Department at* Camburg Ark *, in the month of* January *, 186 7.* **Cr.**

To amount of purchases, per Abstract A			By balance on hand per last account		
To amount of expenditures, per Abstract B			By cash received from Lt A Montgomery Brst cor chief & Ill dept at the Dept	60	00
To amount of transfers to officers, per Abstract B b					
To balance due the United States, carried to new account	60	00			
Dollars	60	00	Dollars	60	00

A True Copy
A S Taylor
Lieut & AA

I CERTIFY that the above is a true account of all the moneys that have come into my hands, on account of the Quartermaster's Department, during the month of January, 186 7; and that the disbursements have been faithfully made. The balance due the United States is in my hands, and is deposited in .

A S Taylor
Lieut & AA *Quartermaster.*

NARA 7RA

No. 10.

Lt. S. Taylor 1st Lieut. & Adc

A. A. Quartermaster U. S. Army,

at Hamburg Ark

Monthly Summary Statement

~~ACCOUNT CURRENT~~

For the month of February 1867.

NARA 787

No. 10.

Dr. *The* **UNITED STATES** *in account ~~current~~ with* I S Taylor Capt & C A A *Quartermaster, U. S. Army, ~~on account of the~~*

~~Quartermaster's Department~~ at Hamburg Ark *, in the month of* February *, 186*7. **Cr.**

To amount of purchases, ~~per Abstract~~ within the month			By balance ~~on hand~~ per last Statement account		50	00
To amount of expenditures, ~~per Abstract~~ within the month		50	00	By cash received from		
To amount of transfers to officers, per Abstract ~~B~~						
To balance due the United States, carried to ~~new account~~ next Statement						
Dollars		50	00	Dollars	50	00

2nd Copy forwarded

True copy
I S Taylor
Capt & C A A

I CERTIFY that the above is a true ~~account~~ Statement of all the moneys ~~that~~ which have come into my hands, on account of the Quartermaster's Department, during the month of February, 186*7*; and that the disbursements have been faithfully made. The balance due the United States is in my hands, and is deposited in

I S Taylor
Capt & C A A *Quartermaster.*

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MONTHLY REPORT OF LANDS

Hamburg

County

In the ~~State~~ of Ashley,

For the Month of October, 1867.

A. G. Cunningham

Agent ~~Assistant Commissioner of the~~ Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

R.C.

Forwarded ....., 186 .

Rec'd Bu. R. F. & A. L. ....., 186 .

MONTHLY REPORT of A. H. Cunningham, ~~Assistant Commissioner~~ 4th of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, for the ~~State~~ County of Ashley,

of Abandoned or Confiscated Lands in his possession in the ~~State of~~ County of Ashley Arkansas, during the month ending October 31st, 1867.

* NAME OF FORMER OWNER.	LOCATION. County or Parish.	LOCATION. Other Boundaries.	ALTERATIONS SINCE LAST REPORT. Gained. Date.	ALTERATIONS SINCE LAST REPORT. Gained. How.	ALTERATIONS SINCE LAST REPORT. Lost. Date.	ALTERATIONS SINCE LAST REPORT. Lost. How.	HOW HELD, (ABANDONED OR CONFISCATED.)	DESCRIPTION. Cultivated.	DESCRIPTION. Acres uncultivated. Acres woodland.	DESCRIPTION. Acres uncultivated. Acres cleared.	DESCRIPTION. Total No. Acres.	DESCRIPTION. Buildings.	REMARKS.
John Loach.	Ashley	36 M. S.E. Monticello	Oct 1865.	Taken Up			Abandoned	200.	600	200	800.	Residence & Quarters	Gin & Screw.
Samuel Wiggins	"	27 " S. " "	Sept 25 65	"			"	300.	1700	300	2000	"	"	One Gin & Screw.
Robt. Anderson	Ashley	28 N. S.E. Monticello		Restored.									Robt Anderson A Plantation restored under Special Order No 33 from Asst Commissioners Office

TOTAL.....

NOTES—1. In the column of Remarks will be stated the number of Refugees or Freedmen on each farm or tract of land, how they are employed, and whether they are self-supporting; also such other facts in relation to farms as may be of interest.
2. If more than one blank is necessary in making this Report, they will be attached together by proper fasteners on the left-hand margin, as indicated by the * * *.
3. The back of the Reports may be used for Remarks, in addition to the proper column on the face.

The Wiggins Plantation is being worked by Mr Wiggins himself, under the Name of Wiggins & McComb partners in the Crop.

The Loach Plantation is being worked by Doctor Alford

STATION: Pine Bluff,

DATE: Oct 31st 1867

A. H. Cunningham
~~Assistant Commissioner~~.
4th

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MONTHLY REPORT OF LANDS

Counties

In the ~~State~~ of Ashley Ark.,

For the Month of November, 1867.

Assistant Commissioner of the
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen,
and Abandoned Lands.

Forwarded , 186 .

Rec'd Bu. R. F. & A. L. , 186 .

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MONTHLY REPORT of A. G. Cunningham Agt., ~~Assistant Commissioner~~ of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, for the ~~State~~ County of Ashley,

of Abandoned or Confiscated Lands in his possession in the ~~State~~ County of Ashley, during the month ending November 30th, 1867.

NAME OF FORMER OWNER.	COUNTY OR PARISH.	LOCATION. OTHER BOUNDARIES.	ALTERATIONS SINCE LAST REPORT. GAINED. Date.	GAINED. How.	LOST. Date.	LOST. How.	HOW HELD. (ABANDONED OR CONFISCATED.)	DESCRIPTION. CULTIVATED.	ACRES UNCULTIVATED. Acres wood land.	Acres cleared.	TOTAL No. ACRES.	BUILDINGS.	REMARKS.
John Leach	Ashley	3C Miles S.E. Monticello	Oct 10th/67	Taken up			Abandoned	200	600	200	800	Residence & Quarters	Gin & Screw The Leach Plantation is being Worked by Joe Alfred
Samuel Wiggins	"	27 " S. Monticello	April 23rd/67	"	"		Abandoned	300	1700	300	2,000	"	" " The Wiggins Plantation is being Worked by W. F. McCombs & the Wiggins under the Name & Style of McCombs & Wiggins

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Roster of Officers and Civilians in Employ of Bureau Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, in Ashley County, State of Arkansas for the month of September, 1866.

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Roster of Officers and Civilians in the employ of the Bureau Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, in the County of Ashley, State of Arkansas for the month of September 1866. October 1867

Names	Rank	Duty Performed	Order assigning to duty	Salary or Civilian	
Isaac S. Taylor S B Taylor	1st Lieut & Adjt. 15th U.S.C.	Superintendent of Freedmans Bureau	S.O. No. 4 58. H.Q. R.F.&A.L. Little Rock Arkansas		
Wm. D. Pollock	Citizen	Clk. Office Supt R.F.&A.L.		$75.00	

I certify that the above Roster of Officers and Civilians in employ of the Bureau Refugees Freedmen and abandoned Lands in Ashley County Arkansas is correct.

I S Taylor
1st Lieut 15th Vet. Reserve Corps
Supt. R. F. and A. L.

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County of Ashley
Arkansas.

Dec. 21. 1867.

Indentured.

John Garanon

apprenticed to

W. F. McCombs.

Hamburg.

P. G. Allsberry
Bvt
Bvt. Genrin
Asst Ad
Frth Governor
Magen

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STATE OF ARKANSAS,
COUNTY OF Ashley.

THIS INDENTURE,

made this 21" day of December A. D. 1867, by and between Geo F. Towle agt B B Ft & L & William F. McCombs of Ashley County, State of Arkansas, *Witnesseth*, That the said Geo F. Towle agt of B. B. Ft & L. in consideration of the covenants and undertakings of the said William F. McCombs hereafter mentioned, DOTH hereby place, bind and indent the colored child, aged Thirteen years, to and with the said William F. McCombs to dwell with and serve him as apprentice from the Ensealing hereof, until the said child shall have arrived at the age of Twenty one years. And the said Geo F. Towle Agt, as aforesaid, does hereby covenant, that the said John Garrison shall well and faithfully serve the said William F. McCombs and shall give and devote his whole time and labor; and that he shall conduct himself in a sober, temperate, honest and industrious manner:

And the said William F. McCombs for his heirs, Executors and Administrators, DOTH hereby covenant with Geo F. Towle Agt as aforesaid, that he will, during the time aforesaid, constantly supply the said John Garrison with good and sufficient food, lodging and clothing, and all other things suitable in sickness and in health, and ~~send him to school three months in each year, that~~ Learn him to Spell & Read and Write will give him the sum of One horse Saddle & Bridle and a suit of clothes upon his arriving to the years of Twenty one majority or become of age; and that he will, as far as in his ability lies, train him up in habits of industry, temperance and virtue.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, the day and year above written.

W. F. McCombs Seal.

Signed and Sealed in the presence of

Geo. F. Towle Agt Seal.

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STATE OF ARKANSAS, }
COUNTY OF Ashley . }

Know all men by these Presents

That we William F. McCombs

as Principal, and _____ are held and firmly

bound unto Geo. F. Fowle Agent B. B. F. & A. L.

in the just and full sum of five thousand ($5,000) Dollars, for the well and true payment of which we bind ourselves, our heirs, Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents; signed, sealed and delivered, this 21st day of December A. D. 1867:

The condition of the above obligation is such that, *Whereas*, the said Geo. F. Fowle Agt B F & A L has this day entered into an *Indenture* with the said William F. McCombs as aforesaid, for the apprenticeship of certain colored Boy named John Ganeaux, and aged Thirteen years: now if the said William F. McCombs, his heirs, Executors and Administrators, shall well and truly comply with and fulfil all and each of his covenants and undertakings, in said Indenture of apprenticeship, then this *bond* is to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect.

Revenue Stamps
$0.50
To be used

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, the day and year above written.

W F McCombs (Seal.)

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the presence of

.....

.....

Chas F. Taylor
Capt

G W Murphy (Seal.)
S B Wiggins (Seal.)

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Home Guard

Officers

NARA 79A

I Primus Washington. (colored) do solemnly swear that about the middle of December 1866 I was paping along the road near Mrs Thomases house in Morehouse Parish Louisiana. about one mile from the Arkansas line. ~~I was in company with Joseph Shepherd another colored man~~ when I saw a colored man hanging to the limb of a tree. fastened to the limb with a cotton rope. It was about 9" oclock in the morning when I saw him. I knew the Black man and was well acquainted with him. his name is Peter Cobb. I saw him hanging to the limb twice after that. about 8 days after I first saw him I went in company with three other colored men named Joseph Shepherd Nick Brown & Charles Thomas and cut the Black man down & buried him. We did not cut him down ~~before~~ when we first found him because we did not know what to do We were afraid we might be molested. When we did go ~~to cut him~~ down we did so because the Black men Nick Brown & Charles Thomas told us that they were ordered to come for me & Joe Shepherd to go and bury him. They said that the order come from Jesse Brown, James Ireland & Robert Williams three white men who said that if we did not go all they had to do was to report back to

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to them and he moved go to the same limb.

Peter Cobb was working for Mr Allen on the Reddoor Thomason place. I have heared that Peter Cobb broke open a trunk and stole $25 in money from it and come Back. and that he was arrested and kept under arrest from Monday night till Sunday night when he was took out & hung. I cant swear who hung him but I have heared that it was done by a company of men who call themselves Capt Slicks company and that one Brown James Freeland was at the head of them. and that there was 12 or 14 in all.

June Brown & Freeland both live in Lawrence. Brown lives about one mile from the Arkansaw line. part of his place is in Freeland lives about 3 miles from the line. I live in Arkansaw at Mr R M Stephens about one half mile from the line

Lawrence Co Ark

NARA RMA

Ashley Co. Ark.
Feby. 18. 1867.

Hartley

Affidavits
in Case
of Cobb

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State of Arkansas }
County of Ashley }

I Joseph Shepherd colored do solemly swor that on Monday about the Middle of December 1866. I was at Mr Mewborns house in Moorhes Parish about one half mile from the Arkansas line. ~~I saw Peter Cook a colored man~~ Mr William Allen Hayk Smith & William Wallace came to Mr Newborns looking for a colored man named Peter Cook. ~~a colored~~ They did not find him but left word for him to come over to Mrs Thomas house after his gun. That night Peter Cook went to Mrs Thomases and was arrested by the three men Allen, Smith & Wallace. for braking open a trunk and stealing $25 in money and some Books. Williams Wallace a White Boy told me that they made Cook tell where the stolen Books were. and that they kept Cook under guard one night and a day and until 9 oclock the next night when a party of men came and took him away. The next time he said the party of men had 12 or 14 in the party I saw Peter Cook. After I saw him at Windoms I was in company with a colored man named Primus Washington. it was about 8 oclock on Wednesday morning of the same week. We were going along the road about one half mile from Mrs Thomas house in Moorhouse Parrish Louisiana. and about one mile from the Arkansas line. when we saw Cobb hanging to the limb of a tree. I saw him hanging to the tree twice after that About 8 days after I first saw I ~~went into Co~~ I was told by Jim Black

NARA AAP

men named Dick Brown & Charles Thomas. That they had orders to tell me & Prince Nashing to go and hang & beat him down, & if we did not do it we would be hung in the same limb they said. The order Came from Dunck Brown William Freeland & Robert Williams William Wallace the a white boy told me he was present when Cobb was hung. and that Dunck Brown put the rope round Cobbs neck and Freeland put Cobb on his horse and carried him to the tree. Wallace also told me That the party made old man Speed. Gap. a colored man & Cobb fight until Cobb confessed to stealing the things. then they made Cobb lay down & old man Gap whipped him till he was nearly speechless.

I dont know who hung Cobb and only know what Wallace told me about it but have heard it was done by "Capt Slocs Company" I know nothing of this Company except that I was at Dunck Browns about Ten weeks before Cobb was hung at a Screw raising when I saw a Company of about 30 men all of them were armed and on horse back. Dunck Brown had command of them. I heard that the Company was to put down Robers & Thieves... & so called Capt Slocs Company I know several of the men in the Company. Some of them lived in Searcy and some lived in Arkansas of those that live in Arkansas I know that

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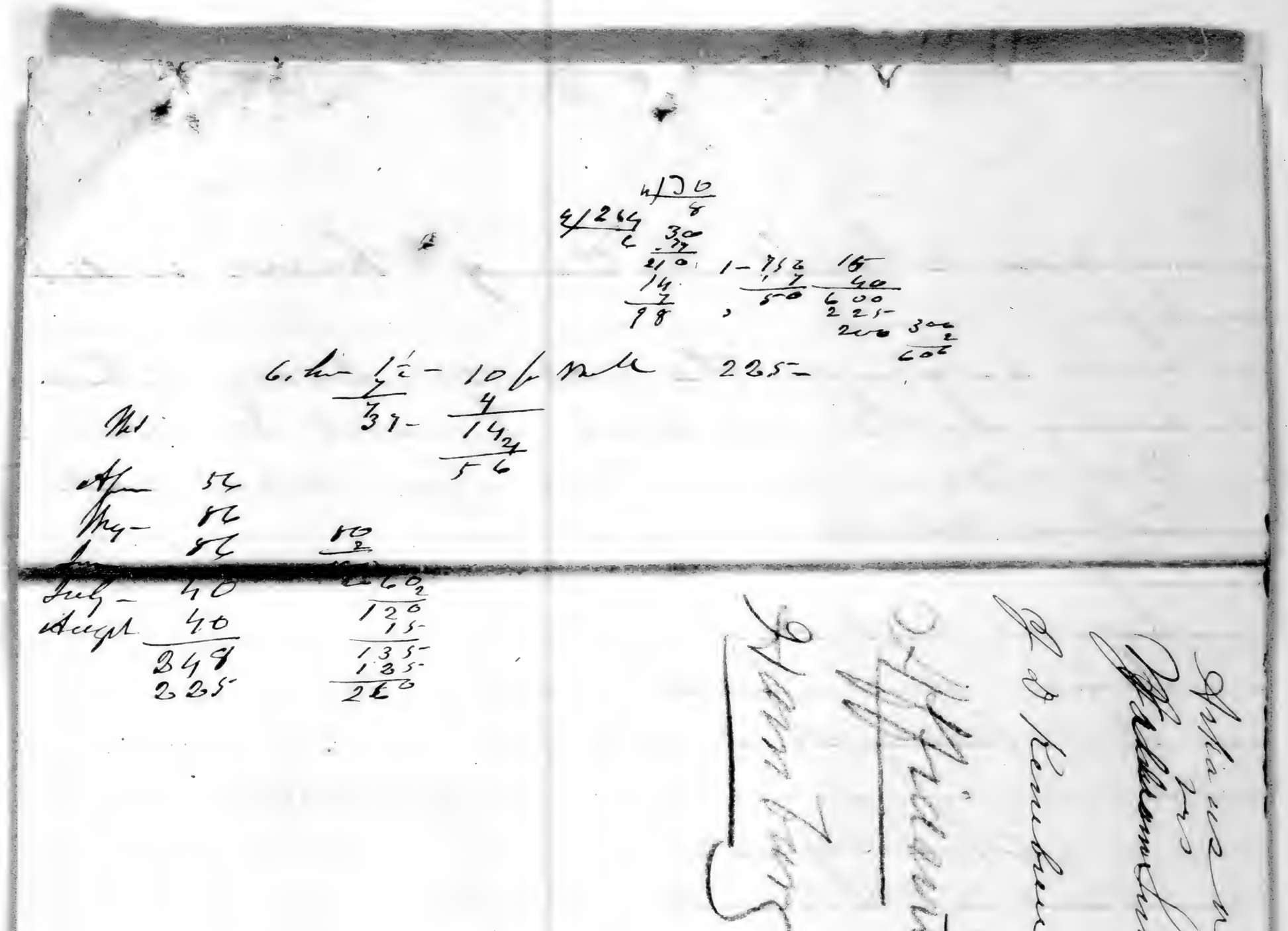
ners Robert Maxwell, Thomas Campbell.
John Hilliard. & Those that live in Louis-
ana. I recognized Daniel Brom the capt.
William Freeland James Freeland, Jesse
Hilliard James Hilliard, Thomas Steele
& John Caty
& The men that sent us the order to hurry
the man ~~Lives~~ Daniel Brom lives in
Louisana ~~about~~ only a short distance from
the line part of his Plantation is in
Louisana & part in Arkansaw. ~~William~~ James
Freeland lives in Louisana about 3 miles
from the line. & Robert Williams lives in Arkansaw
about 5 miles from the line
William Wallace William Allen & Steph
Lusk The men who arrested Peter Cobb
all live in Louisana about one mile from
the line.

Subscribed & Sworn to
before me This 18th Day of
February A D 1867
A S Taylor
Supt Bureau Refugees &c.

his
Joseph + Shephard
mark

Witness

Lieut Co D 2d U S C



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Atlanta Ga
Dear Sir
Enclosed find
$2.00 for Remittance
Yours truly
Subscriber
Adam Fans

Ashley co
State of Arkansas }}}

I J D Kenebrue
do solemly sweare that on Saturday
I was at Populus
Bluff Ashley county Arkansas
when a man named James
Simms came to me and asked
me to go with him by Mrs Mc
stons about 3 miles from Populus
Bluff to see a black man named
Jerry Nillson, saying to me that
Jerry had threatened his (Simms)
life

Myself John Nillson W A Moore
James Simms and Nilliam
Smith then went in Company
to Mrs Mcistons where the black
man Jerry Nillson lived
When we got near the house
we met the black man in
the lane about 200 yards from
the house

James Simms one of the party
rode up to Jerry and asked him
"did you threaten to take my life" Jerry
replied "Yo" Nilliam Smith then
spoke and cursed Jerry saying
"you are a d— d liyer" Simms
asked Jerry the second time
"did you threaten my life" Jerry
replied "Yo" Nilliam Smith
then drew his pistol and reached
over Jerries horse and fired. The
ball took effect penetrating the

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Sigius Skull killing him instantly

As soon as the act was done the party broke up and I went to Mrs Winstons and told her what had taken place

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 27th day of February A D 1867

J. D. Kinabrew

D F Taylor
Pvt 13th D C Supt R F & A L

Wm M Wallace
Robt Parker

To Col Doll
Commdg Post at Hamburg

The undersigned would respectfully represent that on the 5th day of August 186[illegible] at Moro Saunders in the County of Bradley and State of Arkansas a Justice of A B Corrin and Summons duly on the Estate of W K Summers deceased in favor in outcry the Jerry Priddy belonging to said Estate and known as Moro Jerry for the term of twelve months from the date of the Outcry

That on the 23rd day of August 1867 [illegible] and obtained to the said A B Corrin Admr as aforesaid my Note for $107.00 being the amount of said Jerry who has run off & on, & that I have always been ready & willing to pay Admr of said Estate no objection to said Note

On the 27th day of August 1867 one John C Rutton of Bradley County came whom the undersigned believed to be in partnership with the said Administrator Came & commenced cursing & abusing me & my Son for buying said Jerry. On my refusing to give it up he stated he intended to talk it over my head & ears - knowing the desperate character of the said J C Rutton & knowing that if I hesitated his command he would instantly shoot me & my Son & my wife I was compelled to leave & Jerry with him

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Owing to the delay of the ordinary process of the Law the time for which I entered Same Jerry Moulin Expires before I could get a decision Against the Said J C Burton is Mastrong and refuses to pay his debts on Judgement against him for the damages I have Sustained by reason of his unlawful Seizure of Said Jerry property Would be Worthless Attorney I have Sustained Serious loss Over Damage as the process of Said Jerry by him Amounts to $500.00 Since he took it from me

I Would then pray Your Honor to Ask You to investigate the Matter by Examining the Witnesses of Witnesses — And then he to Issue Said process as You may deem Equitable Consistent

John M Hines
Mo

State of Arkansas
County of Pulaski } In Person Come John M Hines who on oath Says that the Statements is Correct Over to me, Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 27th Dec 1867

W W Hughey
Clerk Circuit Court

NARA AIA

Witnesses
J. N. Norris Fountain Hill
R. G. Mathews Searcy Ark
Thos J. Fortune Bradley Co
W. M. Mallory "
Robt Parker "

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Bradley Co. Ark.
Dec 27. 1867

John M. Hill.
Copy of Affidavit

NARA RIP

Copy of within affidavit

To Col Doll
Commdg Post at Hamburg

The undersigned would respectfully represent that on the 5th day of August 1867 at Moro Landing in the County of Bradley and State of Arkansas, I rented of A B Coward Administrator on the Estate of W H Duncan deceased at public auction, the Ferry privilege belonging to said Estate, and known as "Moro Ferry" for the term of twelve months from the date of the renting.

That on the 23d day of August 1867, I made and delivered to the said A B Coward Admr as aforesaid, my note for 107.00 being the amount said ferry was bid off at which I deemed satisfactory, as said Administrator raised no objections to said note.

On the 27th day of August 1867 one John C Bratton of Bradley Co and whom the undersigned believes to be in partnership with the said Administrator, came and demanded of the undersigned said ferry. On my refusing to give it up he stated he intended to take it over my head at all hazards. Knowing the desperate character of the said J C

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Bratton, and believing that if I resisted his demand he would inflict some serious personal injury if not take my life. I gave it up under protest, expecting to have a remedy at Law. Owing to the delay of the ordinary process of the Law, the term for which I rented said ferry would expire befor I could get a decission, and as the said J.M. Bratton is insolvent, and unable to pay his debts a judgment against him for the damages I have sustained by reason of his unlawful seizure of said ferry privilege would be worthless. Already I have sustained serious loss and damage as the proceeds of said ferry have been at least 500^{00} since he took it from me. I would therefor respectfully ask you to investigate the matter by examining the annexed list of witnesses and then restore said privilege as you may deem equitable and just

(signed) John M$^{\text{x}}_{\text{mk}}$ Cuey Keill

State of Arkansas }
County of Bradley } In person came John M Keill who on oath says the above statement is correct and true. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th Dec 1867

(signed) W W Hughey
Clerk Circuit Court

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1867

No. _____

C. H. Hand

Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue

2d District, Arkansas.

Dated Dec 25 1867

In relation to

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United States Internal Revenue,

Ass't Assessor's Office, 2nd District, Arkansas,

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endorsed Mr Hall's note told me of the facts in the case - and he is a very reliable man - and they substanciate his statement.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Henry St John
J W Brady

P.S. The weather is so bad Mr Hall concludes to send this by mail, and "await events"

H St J

NARA A14

No. _____

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Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue

2d District, Arkansas.

Dated *186*

In relation to

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United States Internal Revenue,

Ass't Assessor's Office, 2nd District, Arkansas,

Warren Dec 28th 1867

Col Doll
Commdg Post at Hamburg

Dr Sir:

The bearer of this letter - Mr Hall - one of the few Union men of this County, will go to Hamburg for the purpose of seeing if you will interfere in restoring him to his rights which he is justly in need of. I am personally knowing to the facts set forth in his affidavit, and know - as many more in this County do, that the seizure of the ferry privilege by J C Bratton, was an outrage of the worst kind. I feel perfectly confident Gen Smith would sustain you in restoring to him his rights. Already they expect they will be ejected from the ferry privilege, and and will feel disappointed if they are not. You could simply send them a note to that effect, and I am confident they would relinquish it to him. Maj Wallace who

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Ashley Co. Ark
Testate June 29/68
Hambys
vs
W. D. Evans
Con
Clarence Tinker
vs
W. H. Carothers

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State of Ark
Cunty of Ashly } personally apeard
W. T. Evans. who being duly
sworn deposes and states that
the Testimony given in by Samuel
Mann, and, is to his knowledge
true and correct, with addetion
that the Morning She came back with
her husband. he Abe Tunstelly - had his
pistol gitted round him. talked arown
a good eal and wanted the house open
which allarmed My Dorothea very
much. She then sent over to My house
after me to come over. When Mrs Dorothea came
home that night he went to the
Kitchen and told her she had to
do better or leave the place.
June 29" 1865
by W T Evans
Before me
S B. Higgins, Clerk

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Ashley Co. Ark.
June 29. 1868

Testimony
of
Sand. Allcock (Col'd)
Case
between
Mr Carouthers
+
Clemency Finkbeiner
+
Hamburg

Allcock

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State of Ala
Cunty of Ashby } Personally appeared before
Me. George F Imole .. Brvt Lt Col U S C S agent B R F & Fds
Samuel Moon , Col^d . who being duly
sworn deposeth and says -

That on one day about the 16th of June
Mr Dorothea. came into the house lot-
one morning about Sun rise. and
told Manerva. Tankesly that if she
did not get about a little faster
and mend her licks he would give
her a brushing. from what she
had been for the last three weeks
Manerva said she would not get
about any faster.. Mr Dorothea
got up next Morning. and called
Manerva. and looked round for
her; and her and her Children was
not to be found in the place
nor her return. Two days after
that time his husband brought her
back - She stayed and hoed 3 Rows
before dinner
Cotton, and next morning left the
place. When she came back. Mr
Dorothea. told her she could either
mend her licks or leave the place
She left on Friday Morning after
Breakfast. Sworn to and Subscribed
before me this June 29th 1868

his
Geo F Imole Samuel + Moon
Brvt Lt Col U S C
Agent mark

Jno O B Wiggins Clerk

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Ashley Co. Ark.
May 25. 6

John Kenner
Affidavit

Van Buren

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State of Arkansas } SS
County of Ashley. }

Personally appeared before me. John Reves. (Colored) who being duly sworn ~~to~~ ~~he~~ ~~saith~~ to speak deposes and says. that Myself & Wife are at now to wit Mr Robert Rupells place near Parkdale Myself & Wife live to ourselves. and I have agreed with Mr Rupell to clean up the place I am living at & make a crop there. I have cleared the land up & got my crop all planted. & a fair prospect of making a crop. My Wife had made an agreement with ~~the~~ Mrs Morris, who lives near me, to wash his clothes for his family ~~Factor~~ occasionally when she could spare time out of the crop. ~~On Saturday May~~ ~~23rd~~ ~~she had done~~ ~~the washing~~ ~~she could~~ ~~not~~ She had washed for them several times but could not wash to suit them & she told them she could not wash to suit them & wanted to quit doing their washing I did not care about my Wife doing their washing for I wanted her to help me in the field. They argued on Saturday May 23rd & I & me & my Wife about the washing & I went to see Mr Morris & he told me he would have the trouble stopped I went home & thought the matter would end but soon after I got home

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John Morris come into my yard with
two other White boys named Richard
& George & Mike Richard & Gough
stood guard over her ~~they~~ John Morris
Beat her he whipped her until he
wore out two sticks on her beating
her over the body & over the face
& eyes cutting her over the eye one
a gash about one inch long. She was
beat terribly. My wife was not allowed
to do their washing only as she was
able to do it & I nor my wife were
under no contract to Mr Morris
at all
Subscribed & Sworn to before me
this 25th day of May 1867

D. J. Taylor
Asst Supt Refugees & Freedmen

John his X Reuer
mark

NARA RPS

Ashley Les. Ark.
May 24. 67

Affidavit

Smart McCoy

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State of Arkansas }
County of Ashley } ss

Personally appeared before me I S Taylor Lieut 13 reg Inft P.A. & A.L. Smart McCoy. Who being duly Sworn the truth to Speak. deposes and says. On Saturday evening before New Years day. in the year 1866 I was staying at Pidgeon Hill. in Union County Ark at Mr David Brunes. I started to go into ~~the store at Pidgeon~~ Mr Combells. store at Pidgeon Hill. and when I got to the door Mr Simion Terrell. & David Brunes were standing close up to the door talking As they were so close to the door that I could not walk in I attempted to walk around them and in doing so my foot caught in some wood close to the door & I stumbled & in trying to save myself from falling I fell against Simon Terrell. He looked around. & I commenced to apologize but as he went on talking I thought he understood ~~my~~ falling was an accident. & I went into the store In about a minute after I went into the Store. Mr Terrell came into the store & without saying anthing but call me "Old man" he seized me

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by the throat with one hand & made
a cut at me with his knife cutting
through the thickness of his coats my
vest & grazed my skin. At this another
& Mr Samples. an old man caught Mr
Terrell & I run out of the store & went
home. In about a half hour after this
happend. Mr Terrell came to my house
with a double barrelled gun. He
had some five or six others men with
him I did not know them all but two
~~of them was~~ Mr Terrells brother Thomas
~~and was~~ James Jordon. Dr Smalley
who were in the party. When they
got to the house they asked for me but
my wife would not tell where I was
one of them struck her with a stick so
to make her tell. They hunted
over the house & found me in
a room where I had hid. Mr
Terrell told me to come out. I
did so & commenced to tell him
that my falling against him was
a mere accident He told me to
shut my mouth & not to speak
or he would blow my brains out.
At the same time striking me in
the mouth with his fist. He
then told me he would give me

Two Choices Came to be shot
or the other. To take a whipping I
told him that rather than be shot I
would agree to take a whipping. They
then took me down to the River
Stripped off my shirt and made
me lay down in the snow, which
was about one inch deep. I still While
the remainder of the party stood guard
over me I used best me he first
used a piece of a hauling Rope
~~about~~ about three feet long after
he had beat me sometime ~~with~~ this
he changed his weapon to a piece
of Belting about Two feet long
How long they had me down & beating
me I cant know. portion but it seemed
to me fully an hour. When they let
me up I was barely able to get back
to my Pipe, at the house, who
Ruled me
sat up ~~with~~ me all night. I fainted
three times during the night ~~for~~
tho I never had any difficulty with him
before Do I never saw him or
knew him till I saw him at
the store the enemy I fell against
him.

Subscribed & Sworn to before me
This 24th Day of May 1867

his
Smart X McCoy
mark

Capt. Taylor
Asst. Inspector

NARA RPS

Ashley Co Ark.
Apr. 29. 67

Harriett Payne

Affidavit

In the Case of the
State vers

William Murphy
"et al"

NARA RAM

State of Arkansas
County of Ashley } ss

Personally appeared before me
~~1st~~ I S Taylor Lieut- 15 A A C + Lieut R S + A L, this 29 day of April 1867
Harriet Pairs colored being duly sworn to
truth to speak dyposes and says, that:
on or about ~~the~~ the 24 of April 1867 Mrs
Murphey struck her on the head with her
fist and I was crying about it- her
daughter Emily said I was lowering her
mother and said I should not do that called
me a bitch and drew an axe on me but
was prevented striking me by her Mother Mrs
Murphey then told me go and get some greens
for dinner and while I was in the garden getting
the greens William Murphey came to me
with a large switch and commenced whipping
me while he was beating me he said did you
know I am a Nigger killer God damn you?
I answer ~~Yes~~ he kept on whipping me
till he wore the hickey out and when
he commenced it was about five feet long
with two big prongs my arms and head was swelled
up for three days when he quit he said to me
Now run off to night and report me to your friend
Taylor and I'll put you where the dogs won't bark
at you, All this without just cause or provocation

her
Harriet ✕ Pairs
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of April 1867
I S Taylor
1st Lieut- 15 A A C + Supt R S + A L

NARA A31

Ashley Co. Ark.
Apr. 13. 67.

John Avant &
Lucy. Avant.
Affidavits.

Affidavits

NARA A&P

State of Arkansas
County of Ashley }ss

John. Avant Colord, being first duly sworn the truth to speak depones and says: I live on the plantation of Mr Frank. Hazzard at Portland in Ashley County Ark., On the Night of March 27 "1867. I got into a trouble with my wife, I had told her to shut the door. When I went to put up a horse. and When I came back she had not done it. I told her to shut the Door because Master Frank was so bad about going to the Cabbins Where the women were. When I came back I found Lucy had not shut the Door,, I was mad and I lapped her with my hand and shook ed her she Screamed and hollowed and run out of the Cabbin & run up to the house Where Master Frank Hazzard lives. In a few moments after she run up to the house — Mr Hazz -and came into the Cabbin. Where I set nursing My child he had his Pistole in his hand & at once commenced beating me over the head with it he struck me over the head and on the forehead Cutting several gashes in my head and over my eye so that the blood run over My clothes and on the floore and over my child, He then punched me with the Pistole about the head telling me to resist if I dared I did not attempt to resist him but let-

NARA A33

him about me till he went off and left me

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this 13th day of April 1867

D J Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U.S.C.T. Supt R.F.&A.L.

John his X Avant mark

Witness
Stephen Green
Serg't Co. 28th USCT

State of Arkansas
County of Ashley

Lucy Avant (colored) being first duly sworn the truth to tell deposes and says: I am the wife of John Avant & live on the plantation of Frank Hazzard at Portland Ashley County Ark., On the night of March 27. 1867, I was laying down in bed. My Husband told me to shut the door when he went out. I did not do it & that made him mad & he run up to me & choaked me. If he slapped me I dont know it I screamed & hollowed and got out of the Cabbin and run to the house where Mr Hazzard lived. As I ran to the house my husband tryed to keep me from going to the house by running after me, but did not, I got to the house and told Mr. Hazzard John was trying to Kill me & to come down and make him let me alone Mr Hazzard took his Pistols and went to the Cabbin where John Was, but I did not see him Struck as I was at Mr Hazzards house When the Striking was done

Subscribed and Sworn to before me 13th day of April 1867

D J Taylor
1st Lieut 15th U.S.C.T. Supt R.F.&A.L.

her
Lucy X Avant
mark

Witness
Stephen Green
Serg't Co. 28th USCT

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State of Arkansas }
County of Ashley }

Personally appeared
before me S S Taylor 1st Lieut 15th A C
Supt R F & A L. C A Harris. Who
being duly sworn the truth to
speak deposes & says. That I was
present at the time a contract was
made betwen J G Bird & W T
Harris & the Freedmen on the
Anderson Plantation & know
that J G Bird & W T Harris did
not sign the contract in the
presence of Notary was at the
time the contract was made.
Subscribed & Sworn to before me
this 15th day of May. 1867

S S Taylor
Lieut 15th A C Supt R F & A L C A Harris

NARA A&S

Ashley Co Ark.
May 15. 1867

Harris

W F Harris

C A Harris

Deposition

NARA A3A

State of Arkansas }
County of Ashley } ss

Personally appeared before me D S Taylor Lieut 15th A C Supt R F & A. W T Harris who being duly sworn the truth to speak deposes & says About the 1st January 1867 I drew up a Contract for labor in the year 1867 on the Anderson Plantation in Ashley co. between Riley Settles & Jack Morgan two freedmen & ten others. This contract was signed & witnessed in the presence of John Smith & Dick Roddom. I afterward drew up a contract between the same Freedmen & G B Bird & W T Harris. This contract was ~~never~~ ~~witnessed~~. signed by the Freedmen & witnessed by two parties. but the signatures of the Employers was not witnessed. For the reason that they were not offered to the witnesses until afterword & then were signed by myself but not in the presence of witnesses

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this 15th day of May 1867.

W. T. Harris

D S Taylor
Lieut 15th A C Supt R F & A L

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Ashley Co Ark.
March 11 67

Dear Griffino

Hastings

NARA A3A

State of Arkansas
County of Ashley

Sammie Griffin colored being duly sworn the truth to speak deposes & says. That on Monday March 4th 1867 in Ashley County State of Arkansas. John Turner a colored boy who works for Mr Joseph Turnbow came to the gate. on Mrs James Cammacks Plantation. Where I live John was in company with his brother He did not come in but went away to the adjoining quarters. This was early in the morning about good daylight. In about one half hour after John came to the gate. Mr Joseph Turnbow rode up to the Gate. in front of the yard He called John Turner. I did not hear what he said to him. Then Turnbow had his gun with him. and when he got down off of his horse. I heard him ask John "Did he want to fight him" this morning. John told him "If he would lay his gun down he would fight him. Then Mr Turnbow tried to lay his gun on a stump near by but did not. He then took after John and followed him around the yard trying to hit him with his gun. He did not hit him Mr Turnbow then called James Cammack my employer to come and help him to get John.

NARA A39

James Cammack ~~Jun~~ called Then came
Capt Lumbon called to Mr Lumbon to come
to him I do not know what they
said but while they were talking
Joseph Summers the colored boy stepped
off to the woods when he found Johnson
gone the said pistment to ~~him~~ him if it cost him
along Griffin hill evening of the same day Mr
Lumbon came up again and I saw he
had his pistole buckled on and a great
club in his hand. Mr James Cam-
mack and Mr Lumbon then went off
together.

Subscribed & Sworn to
before me this 11 day of March A D 1867

Lt Taylor Asst Surgeon
Supt R F & A L

his
Samuel + Griffin
mark

Returned
John Smirl

Filed
March 11 1867
Com Bur Ref.
Supt R F & A L

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Navigators

Mar 2 — 1867

James Ford

re —

James Morris

George Grime

Rose.

Affidavits

NARA A41

State of Arkansas }
County of Ashley }

James. Ford

Being first duly Sworn the truth to Speak deposes and says that on the 26th day of February A. D. 1867. in the County of Drew State of Arkansas. I and James Morris was in the field ploughing and after dinner I carried a whip with me in the field. James. Morris wanted to Know what I was going to do with the Whip I told him I was going to whip up the Mules. He told me he did not allow it, and to lay the Whip down. I told him I would not. He drew his Knife and made at me and cut a gash across my arm. On the same evening. Morris Sent for Some Men to come and Whip me. A man named Rose & George Irwin & James Morris came but I begged them not to Whip me. They said they would let me off this time but they would not ride that distance for nothing again but would come at any time and Whip me. I was not molested after that till the next Sunday Feby 24th I was at meeting George Irwin sent a black boy named Jack to the meeting house to look for me. The boy went back and told them I was at the meeting house. James Morris, Rose, and George Irwin then came to look for me, they did not find me but

on the head with the gun but did
not knock me down, I then got away
from them and ran backwards when
Irvin struck me again on the head
with the gun, thinking I would fall
they let me go, but I had strength enough
left to break from them and run
towards the Bases house about one hundred
yards off, I ran in the house. once
as I stepped up into the house, Rose
fired at me the Ball striking near
the steps. They asked George Bass a
White Boy to bring me out of the house
he refused, They then asked him to
invite them in and they would bring me
out. but he refused. George. Irvin & Rose
then said, If We do not get him to night
We will get him some other night; for
if he stays around here within ten
miles We intend to kill him
Mrs. Bass then told them if they came
in there she would shoot them down
as her husband was protecting me
and was gone & she must do it her
self

James X Ford
mark

Subscribed & Sworn to before me
This 2 day of March A D 1867

D S Taylor
Justice Supt R Ford L

Justice
E B Higgins

NARA R43

Callock My wife and asked him Whom
I was She told them She did not Know
They then told him if they seen me in
ten Minutes I would not be Living Ten
Minutes More. I was standing in a house
close by at the time and heard all they
said, They then rode off. I left the
James. Morris Where I was living, and went
to the Thomas. Bass Two miles below. Montecello
James. Morris. George Irvin & Bose Found
out Where I was. on Monday the 25th of
Febury and that evening they came to
the house Where I was eating Supper
Bose spoke and asked, "Is that a boy
in here by the name of Irvin", I replied
yes!" He said "well god Dam you walk out
here," I got up but did not go He came
in and gathered me by my Coat and tryed
to pull me out, He put his pistol to
My head and told me if I did not come
out he would blow My brains out right-
Where I stood, I went out When they told
me to walk out to the Woods, I would not
Bose & James Morris took hold of me &
tryed to push me along, George Irvin
then Came up from the Woods with a Shot-
Gun James. Morris spoke to him and said
Knock him down, Irvin then struck me

NARA A44

Feby. 11. 1867.

Alfred Pirey.

Affidavits in
the case of R. F.
my Govt Proper

Feby. 11. 1867.

Alfred Berry.

Affidavits in the case of R. F. Berry Govt Papers

I Alfred Berry (colored) do solem
ly Swear. That on Tuesday February 6th 67
I was driving a wagon from Marie
Saline Landing to Salisbury Ark.
~~About 9 oclock in the morning I came up~~
~~to a government Wagon Standing by the~~
~~side of the road with a Soldier Lying~~
~~by it who seemed to be asleep~~ I
started from Marie Saline Landing
~~Was~~ in Company with a Mr Joseph Murphey
& Williams Brown ~~Coming from the Landing and after the~~
~~who I left behind and came on Company with them~~
to Mr Agues house Mr Agues. Mr Agues lives about one
~~half~~ or ¾ of a mile beyond where the
~~Govt Wagon Stood~~ I left ~~they Stoped &~~
~~When we got to Agues house talking with Mr Agues~~
Murphey & Brown Stoped at Mr Agues
and were talking with him & I drove on
about one half or ¾ of a mile from Agues
house, toward Camden I came to
a U S Govenment Wagon loaded with forage
~~not~~ which there was a soldier who stood
to be guarding it. I drove on past the
Wagon about a quarter of a mile &
Stoped to wait for Brown & Murphey
tho did not come up and I went back
to see where they were found them at
the Govt Wagon and Murphies team
hayed down. When I got to the wagon
Brown was talking to the soldier and trying
to persuade him to desert. I cant remem
ber all he said to the soldier but I did hear
him say to him come on. the soldier then
said no I mout yo not you ~~you~~ are only
trying to play off on me to get to kill
me Brown replied no that he was not

NARA A47

that if he moved ~~p~~ my hen he should be mad treated. Brown then said to me I am going to have some of those oats I told him no not to pester them. He replied I he damnd if I dont have them I can get ~~him~~ a sack for them and ~~called~~ to have them at the risk of my life. He then went to the Wagon & got out a sack and turned to me and ~~said~~ told me to help him take them out I said no I dont want to have any thing to do with it. He then said if you dont help me get them out I will shot you I then helped him to put 3 sacks of oats & 3 & three sacks of corn into his wagon. He then took the Wagon & went and ~~I then started & then~~ was going to take the mules when I told him not to do so as the mules belonged to Mr Wiggins. he then said Well I must take them but it must do to leave them here to suffer and I must have halters & bridles & at this he took of the halters and bridles from the two mules & one horse & ~~hitched~~ the ~~mules~~ hitched hame and put the halters & bridles on his own Wagon I then drove on and left the party I drove on to a house on the road where I stoped to put out a passenger I had on my Wagon and while doing ~~that~~ Brown again overtook me. with his team. He said to me I have to much load I want you to take some of it I said no I have a load now. as I started with

NARA R4R

Feby. 11. 1867.

John King

Ans: D 2 Mich.

Affidavit.

I John Ring Private Co I 28th U.S.I. do
Solemnly Swear! That on the monday February 24th 1867
on the Chickahominy while enroute from Morris Island
Landing with my company. with another Soldier named
my James Brady a
~~a guard over~~ me being a guard over a Gov-
ernment Wagon ~~Train~~ loaded with forage which we were trans-
porting from Morris Island Landing on
Newkirk Road to Hamburg. The horses
on the team refused to pull and were so
worn out as to be unable to draw the
load so that myself & Brady determined
to send to Hamburg for fresh mules to
take the load through. Brady
took one of the horses from the team
and left me to guard the Wagon & ~~team~~
until he should return. Brady left me
about nine o'clock ~~in the morning~~ P.M.
the 24th. I remained at my post guarding
the team Wagon & forage until about
9 o'clock next morning. When a man
named Murphey came along with a
team and Stalled near my Wagon &
Murphey asked me to help him out. while
we were trying to get Murphies team out
a man named Nelson Brown came
up with a team Brown came up he remarked to
me ~~you~~ Damn him if a Bitch if your
had made that horse stand up Mur-
phey would not have got into this mud
hole. We put Mr Murphey's team out when
he drove on about 300 yards and stopped
Brown then drove through also.
Murphy's teams drove by Black men each with a

a man whom they called Doctor [redacted]

Brom & Murphy Then came back to where I was. Brown said to me why dont you desert. I replied I will never desert in the world! Brom Then asked me to sell him a sack of oats I replied I cant sell you any of Property. He then insisted on having the oats. I then told him I had been waiting for food for several hours and if he would give me five dollars for a sack that he might have it. Brown then replied that he had been in the army and had sold 4 mules & a yoke of Wagons. I spoke to him again I must desert I must Broke my oath. He then said Damn you you have to go. and pulled out his revolver. I said to him I will never [redacted] go with you. he replied I will blow you damned brains out if you dont go. I will have some of that oats & corn. But if you open you mouth I will blow your brains out

Mr Murphy then spoke & said dont be so hard on the boy dont shoot him the Doctor who stood near by then said to Brown "Brown dont hurt the boy dont go to forcing the boy for [redacted] dont: must to take his oath." Brown then said to one of the Black men. you go and unload 3 sacks of them oats the Black man replied no I dont want to have anything to do with it [redacted]. Brown then said to the Black man I will blow your damned

NARA A51

Black hurt out of you if you do not
do as I tell you Brom Then got
into the Wagon and made the Negro come
up so that he could put the
asst to his (Brown) auto on his shoulder and
put them into his (Brown) wagon The
Negro man then began to cry and said
he did not want to do it. when Brown
again said come up here or I will blow
your damned Black hirt out. When
the 3 negro's
the Asst were on Brown wagon Brom
said to me now go on out there to
Murphis Wagon I replied no I dont
want to go he replied if you dont
go I will blow your brains out. Mur-
phey then followed to Brown let
him alone he dont want to go Brom
replied Damn him I will make him
go. I then went to Murphis Wagon
When Murphy again hollond to Brom
to come on to put those oats back into
the Wagon and let the boy alone. Brom
then replied to Dam him I will
show him what he has to do.
Murphy then said Brom if you must
let him alone I will talk him and
patch him.
Murphey then said to me to come on that
he noticed me Thayh. that and if
they ever came after me he would tell
them swear to his how it was. I then went
to Murphy home. and the next morn-
ing Sergt Green & party arrested me
at Mr Murphis. Gin House where I had
gone to work

NARA A52

Feb 11 1867

Sheridan

Lt Col

Sheridan Hdqrs Military Division of the Missouri
Chicago Ill
Lt 9th 1867.
Brevet Major Genl U.S.A.
Comdg

I J J M Murphey. do solemnly swear that on Tuesday February 3rd I was on the way from Morris Colin Sanding on Cubbitts Neck with a team in company with Alfred Mayers. one by Drove a man named Brom another drove by Alfred a Mayers man. ~~He Agid Mr behind~~ We came up to a gourd Mayor on the road which a soldier said to be Negro King Mr grinding My Mayor stired down me pied it out. William Brom who was behind came up. I drove on some distance. I heard Brom talking to the Soldier boy trying to induce him to desert. But did not hear all Brom said I saw the ~~boy~~ Soldier Was badly scared. I did hear Brom say to the soldier you dont run of a hitch if you did not Mr that horse and of Murphy moved not how got in ft mud. Brom said much that I did not her and when they got the boy scared & told him to come with me & I moved take of him. I saw Brom take ~~a~~ sack of grain out of the Wagon dont know how many ~~&~~ When the boy come with me me drove on up the road to Sam Grigs Store, and stoped a moment I did not see grain Deported at the store but Brom stoped there and I was of the opinion he deposited grain there. I have since

NARA A54

Sum Sun sacks of corn bonded at
U S. and believe I saw a sack of oats
also at Sum Grey store I saw
~~three~~ sacks on Saturday February
~~Sat~~ 9th 1867. Sum Grey told me that
Brow left it there

NARA A55

Feby 11. 1867.

I. W. Murphy.

Affidavit

Filed Aug. 22 1867

Cert 18-2-12e

NARA A&A

I. I. W. Murphey. do Solemly
Swer. that on Tuesday Febuary 5th I. Was on
the way from Meirce: Lolme Landing
on Buchitta: River with a team in Compa
ny with Two other Wagins one drove by
a Man Named Brown another drove
by Alfred a Negro Man. We Come up to
a Government Wagon on The Road which
a Soldier Named Heing to Said, Mus Gording
dly Wagon Mired down we Pryed it out
William. Brown Who Was behind Came up
I drove on some distance I heard Brown
talking to the Soldier trying to induce
him to desert. But did not hear all Brown
Said. I saw the Soldier Was badly Scared
& did hear Brown Say to the Soldier
you damed Son of a bitch if you had Made
that horse stand up Murphey would
not have got in the Mud Brown Said
much that I did not hear and when
they got the Boy Secured;" I told him
to come with me. and I would take
Care of him. I Saw Brown take Sacks
of grain out of the Wagon dont Know how
Many when the Boy came with me. We drove
on up the road to Lum Grays Store and
Stopped a Moment I did not See grain
Deposited at the Store but Brown Stopped
there and I Was of the Opinion He Deposited
grain there. I have Since Seen Two Sacks
of Corn branded U.S. and believe I Saw
a Sack of Oats also at Lum. Grays Store
I Saw these Sacks on Saturday Feby 9. 1867
Lum Gray told me that Brown left them there

NARA A57

Sworn ~~and Subscribed~~ to before me
this 11th day of February 1867

D S Taylor
Lieut 15th Ore Supt R F & A L

Feby 11 1867

Ol Murphy
Ex Murphy
Applicant

NARA A5A

Retain Copy

of Civilians

Harrisburg

PC

NARA A59

Report of the Civilians Employees in the Bureau of R. F. & A. L. for the District of Ashley Drew & Bradley Counties Ark.

The Name of Person	Term Employed	The State where born	From what State Employed	Amount of Annual Compensation
Samuel B. Wiggins	Clerk	So. Carolina	Arkansas	$900-00

J. F. Joyce
Lt. 13th Vol. Asst. D.A.A.G.

NARA AAA

Mr Moore & Mr Lurnes then met
Mr Moore told me they away & were gone about an hour
when they returned Capt Bakke was shot & Lurnes & him
talked a great deal but only could hear what they said
accasionally I heard Lurnes
say Lt I am glad the damned son
of a bitch got that. if I would
not have done it myself. Rolf has
Rolf done it. If Rolf had not done it
I would but as Rolf done it it
is all right all & good this no one
knows they did not know I knew
there when I was where they were
I heard Lurnes said. I did not
do it & dont know who did do it
I would not have done it for him
nor any other Damned son of a
bitch God ever did for.
While I was getter supper I heard
Moore make this remark Lurnes
if us kill blow the damned son
of a bitch up to night if one
dont the other will for there is
a whole brigade of us has made
the plat. his wife said some of
his body guard will overtake some
of you in this plat. Moore said no
there is no danger there is too many

Statement of Sgt. [illegible]

NARA A61

Country people in town + they
wont know who done it they are
as likely to think it is Bill Rod
as any body.

When Mayor Stanchens man came
here Mr Moore + his family went
to the city of New orleans, when
he left he told me + Tony Co
own this plantation + if the
Yankees asked did the white people
own this place to tell them no
that he was going to the
city + might not get back
before spring. for Mayor Stano
berry had come to arrest Rolf
for shooting Capt Barker
+ they did not want to see
it + were going to the city
to keep from seeing it I asked
him did Rolf shoot Capt Bar-
ker he said yes damned if
he dident. but dont you never
breath it They (They yankees) will
offer you quate prices to tell what
you know but wont never pay
you + dont you ever own it
I told him I would not

He further told me that Rolf Jessie Files and other of the citizens were going to the city with him. I think that they did go

In the morning after Capt Barker was shot I heard Mr Moore say at the Breakfast table that it was Rolf shot him. it come up this way his wife asked him could he draw an idea who shot Capt Barker he replied he had no ideas to draw for it was none but Mr. Rolf.

He said ~~a peculiar~~ Enoch. during breakfast which I heard any other things that a purse of money Containg $80 00, & a gold watch was made up for the man that would shoot Capt Barker that they Bantered Ridley Lawson with it but he would not take it That Rolf said he would take it up that it would help to keep his wife out of the wash tub he said Symes & himself helped make up the purse. That Nash Bell Heard more than any and that all the Bells there in. He said this was in the grocery where they were playing Cards

NARA RAS

State of Arkansas }
County of Ashley. } SS.

Personally appeared
before me J J Taylor Lieut 15th U S C
Mary J Jackson. (Colored) Who
being duly sworn deposes & says
That the time Capt Barker was
shot I was living with
of Moore. In the evening that
Capt Barker was shot. Mr Moore
& a man named John Sumner
came from town to supper They
were drinking. Mr Moore told
me to get supper as soon as poss-
able. I went & got supper. When
at the supper table They were talking
about the contract. Sumner said they
were going back down there after sup
per and talk that matter over again
& if he did not talk better than
he did That evening they would come
out & kill him good & he never
would have a chance to do that
again Mr Moore said he would
stand at his back. & see him
righted. For he had not done
justice. He also said. I will
give him all in my pistols &
then we will take to our heels
just as I had supper ready Mr Moore

NARA A64

told me to wait supper they would be ready directly. While I waited I went to ~~a certain~~ the side of the door & peeped in & saw them loading their pistols. While they were loading their pistoles. I heard Moore say I would hate to have to mag with this load. but if he don't give justice he shall have it. He also said. I have a grudge against the Damned Son of a bitch for making me fork up five dollers for striking that damned Freedmen & this is as good a chance as I will have for getting my grudge out.
When he went out he said to his wife George will be here to keep company. and you must talk loud as possible. to keep Larry & ~~John~~ John ~~Fourth~~ & Jane from thinking we are gone. for if Capt Barker dies yet & shot they will be witness against us & know we were gone He told to George Murphy ~~was~~ will you know. I was in the house he said I will

NARA A&S

Woods Testimony

H. Lee

Witness

NARA RAA

I S Wood being duly sworn telps as follows.

Mc Clendon came to me to sell me his interest in the Christian & Buffington place. Said and to sell me the accounts which he held against the Negros saying that I could make one hundred per cent as he had sold the goods to the Negroes one hundred per cent more than they cost him and I could have the accounts at what they cost him

NARA A67

Testamony 1868
of
Henry Kimberly Co.
In Case of
Jas F. Carlock
+
Frances Lolly
Hamilton
Mar 5 1868

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Office of B. R. F. & A. L. Hamburg
Ashley County Ark May 14th 1868

R. C. Curtis assignee of Lot }
vs }
Thos. B. Carlock . }

Henry Wimberly sworn
Testifies I Know nothing
about the Contract between Mr Carlock and Lukes
mother Only Know that Mr Carlock bought
some Sunday Clothes for Luke, a Coat a pair of pant,
a shirt and a pair of shoes, I dont Know what
the price of these things was these things were
bought by my Consent, Luke told me that his
mother told him to get them, but his mother
never told me any thing about it, I never
Lead Lukes mother tell Mr Carlock to get
them Luke was and is a good Smart boy and
the Sunday Clothes were given him to encourage
him, I dont Know how many suits of
every day Clothes Mr Carlock gave him he
gave him some, and he was by his Contract
to give ~~him~~ him three Suits of every day
Clothes, three good Suits of working clothes
would be enough for any one for a year and
would by taking Care of them enable
him to go to Preaching or any where else,
And further this deponent Sayeth not

his
Henry × Wimberly Col
mark

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 14th
day of May 1868
S B Wiggins
Clerk B R F & A L

NARA 869

Station Scatter

NARA A7A

Mrs Christian Recd 36.5-5-

Negroes " 3480

The one bal 2 | 71.35

35 67½

87½

Amt Repaid to note Negroes
Have equal to Mrs Christian
Recd 36.5-5-

244 | 41.72 (17
247
1762
1694

17 | 87
85 (5-

87½ lbs cotton

~~Cotton~~ 24 247/4172 Amt cotton Settled per pound in N.O

348
174
1
5-

$21.05 Amt Due from Mrs Christian to Negroes

Set amt sale Deposites ~~10~~ 13.75

amt from Mr Christian 2105-

1024.80
2700

997.80

Amt deducted

Short 10.00
Expences 17.00

27.00

NARA 871

Statement of Cattan

NARA A77

Statement of Cotton

Total Amount of Cotton in 15 bales 71.33 lbs
Mrs Christin recieved 8 Bales weight 36,53
Negroes Recieved 7 bales weight 34.80
Also Recieved from the Buffington place 919 lbs.

Negroes one half of 7133 lbs	3567 1/2
" Recieved from Buffington place	919
Total Negroes share	4486 1/2

Nathan Button	249 2/9
Allen & John	249 2/9
	498 4/9

John Dean	249 2/9
Ellen Dean	249 2/9
	498 4/9

Thomas Cook	249 2/9
Mariah Cook	249 2/9
	498 4/9

James Mc Henry

NARA A73

Mrs Christians

Testimony

Mrs. M K. Christian being duly sworn Testified as follows.

Mr Mc Clenden contracted with the hands in Union County to come to Ashley County and work on the Christian Plantation. Selling the hands that he had bought the place and and was to receive one bale of cotton for each prime hand furnished.
every thing on the place. except one matter. in which Statement was entirely fals. When the hands came on the place Mr Mc Clenden told my husband not to let the hands know that the above statement was fals. untill he Mc Clenden should get them to sign the contract before the Agent of the F. B. at Hamburg.

After my husbands death Mc Clenden proposed to me to permit him to Sell 3 bals of Cotton Which I had on hand and mind the proceeds in artical that mined pleas the Negroes. Janey. and sell these articles at our own prices and he mined attend to this matter and by so doing we could then get all there share of the crop. I declined to enter into this arrongement.

He afterward remarked in the presence of J J Mcloughly that who was a partner of Mr Christians. that if he mined only manage right the Negroes mined not have a pound of cotton in the fall. I understood his meaning to be to keep article on hand that the hands might Janey and to put them off on the hands at our own prices

S L Lawson Being duly sworn &c

I am 39 years old reside in Ashley county ~~two miles north of the town~~ of am a brother of Mrs Christian ~~Mc Clenden When he came to the~~ Since about the first of August I have resided at my sisters house. During the early part of the year I resided at Mars Bluff Landing 3 miles from the Christian place

On the 28th of December 66. I & Mc Clendon brought to my Brothers Plantation a lott of Negroes not Known he hade made an agreement in Union County to work on the Christian plantation

When making an arrongement with christian to bring the hands from Union county I heard Mc Clendon say to christian. That if he could be on the place during the year. He could bring a fiew groceries & other articles if and could deal with them hands nights and Sundays and have them all in debt to him. by the time there crop was made

Do you know any thing. about ~~a~~ Mc Clendon having a portion of the hands at Mrs Hamling Pond

I know that Bill ~~Lawson~~ Mathews alias Bill Simmons. James Baty & Jackson

Mo W. sure hauling wood. from about the middle
of January to the about the 13th of march
they cut & hauled 109 cords of wood which
I sold to boats on the Nasheton. at Morris
Sabine ~~at 4 91 cts per cord~~. for 5 33 5.5.6
all of which proceeds for the Wood I paid
~~to the~~ to A & Mc Ellenden. order. and
for his benefit.

Miss Obrien
Teacher
Kansas

NARA

Bellevue Street

	Asst Sec McClintic	Bryan & Repl	Asst Sec McClintic	Asst Sec to whittle to	Asst Sec Asst of Hanley	Sec Mrs Chesteen in Lieu Rent & Repl in each	Sec Mrs C in each	Sec Myers	Sec McClintic
Burton	133 64	195	28 65	63 68	127.36	127.36	18.98		28.65
John A Allen		130		63 68					
John A Cain	1673	195	2215	63 68	106 14	~~1998~~		64 01	
Ellis A Cain		130		42 46		1998			
Thomas Cook		195	2200	63 68	106 14	3.25		80 89	
Mariah Cook		130		42 46					
Jams McHenry	7083	195	45 [illegible]	63 68	106 14	74080			13 59
Rena McHenry		130		42 46					
Thomas Jefferson	73 49	195	50 30	63 68	106 14	7674			20.90
Emily Jefferson		130		42 46					
David Moody	62 47	195	62 90	63 68	106 14	6372			1248
Martha Moody		130		42 46					
Henry Nolton	29 87	195	37 25	63 68	106 14	~~2987~~		35 77	
Eliza Nolton		130		42 46		3312			
Peter Gibbs	10 40	195	3640	63 68	106 14	1865		5609	
Peggy Gibbs		130		42 46					
Tom Porter	1441	195	18.65	63 68	63 68	1636		28 67	
W Mathis	1361	195	3800	50 68	50 58	1356		35 02	
	444.85	~~2995~~	35195		984 60	[illegible]		300.45	75.62
	~~2995~~	2995				[illegible]			
	~~44527~~					[illegible]			
				Nolton Interest	13.10 Bryan & Repl	[illegible]			
					998 12	445.82			

444.83
25 89
470 74
21 05
449.69

44176

2730
2389
406

406
44176

5609
8089
6401
20099
300
300
20899

NARA 8/4

Marie Adaline 1866

Wood a/c with A & M McClenden

Jan 16	By	2	Cords	Wood	@ 5	B	10 00	
17	"	3	do	do	"	B	15 00	
"							25 00	
20	"	2	do	do	"	B	10 00	
"	"	2½	do	do	"		12 50	
24	"	5	do	do	"		25 00	
"	"	3	do	do	"	B	13 00	
25	"	4	do	do	"		20 00	
Feb	"	2	do	do	"	B	10 00	
"	"	13	do	do	"		13 00	
"	"	¾	do	do	"		4 00	
" 6	"	4	do	do	"		20 00	
" 10	"	9	do	do	"		45 00	
" 13	"	11	do	do	"		55 00	
19	"	3	do	do	"		23 00	
20	"	3	do	do	"		15 00	
"	"	2	do	do	"		10 00	
23	"	8½	do	do	"		42 50	
"	"	6	do	do	"		30 00	
"	"	1	do	do	"	B	5 00	
Mch 13	"	4½	do	do	"		22 50	
" 15	"	10	do	do	4		40 00	
" 31	"	1	do	do	4		4 00	$533 50
		109¼						

Jan 14	To Morage on Cotton 2nd Ferryage of Wagon	150		3 50
16	" do " Bacon & flour	263		2 63
Feb 3d	" Ft. Bills per Fletcher			74 30
"	" Morage on Same			18 62
"	" Purchase Bill for May Brunes			139 03
6	" Cash Paid Gibbs			7 75
7	" do do do			1 50
"	" do do Lesters Wagon			1 00
10	" do Handed you this day			45 00
15	" do Paid Mr Ramsour			3 50
"	" do Sent you by Jim			42 00
19	" Ft. Bill Per Fletcher			19 30
"	" Morage on Same			4 75
Mch 5th	" Purchase Bill			10 128
5	" Cash Paid Mr Ramsour			2 00
				7 00
13	" do do do 2d do			5 00
	" Drivilage of Selling 109¼ Cords Wood		109 25	5 33 50
				$ 49 33

M. Clenden's indebtedness

109

4

437

5335.50

4

437 | 21420.00 (49

1748

3940

3933

070

3

$15.50
109.25

2 | 416.25

213.12

490

109 | 19180 (176

109

828

176

40

4 | 2.40 (176

4

30

28

24

24

APPLICATION

OF

Feby Lindsley

State of Arkansas

August 1 " 1867.

[No. 2.]

CERTIFICATE OF APPLICANT.

August 1st 1867.

I (~~or we~~) Feby Lindsley head of a family, consisting of 1 Adult , , , of Mill Creek, County of Ashley, and State of Ark, do hereby solemnly declare, and upon my word of honor, certify that I (~~or we~~) am in absolute need of food, "to prevent starvation and extreme want," rendered so by the following circumstances: By old age upwards of 60 years of age Very infirm not able to make a support for herself. Is entirely dependent on others for a living

Witness
N-C Linsley

Signed by all the Applicants.

her
Feby x Lindsley
mark

(RECEIPT.)

RECEIVED of J. S Taylor 1 Sect. 15 VR 6 , in the service of the United States of America, 8 lbs. of Pork, and 56 lbs. of Corn, issued under authority of Joint Resolution of Congress, approved March 30, 1867, "to prevent starvation," &c.

(SIGNED) her
Feby x Lindsley
mark

IN DUPLICATE.

NOTE.—The legal bushel of Corn is fifty-six pounds.

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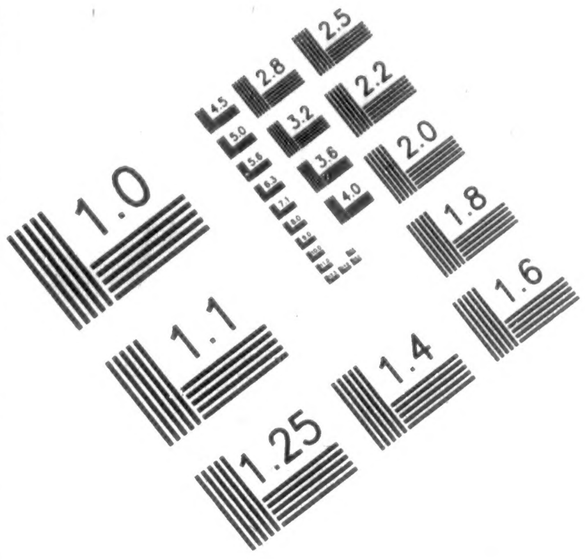
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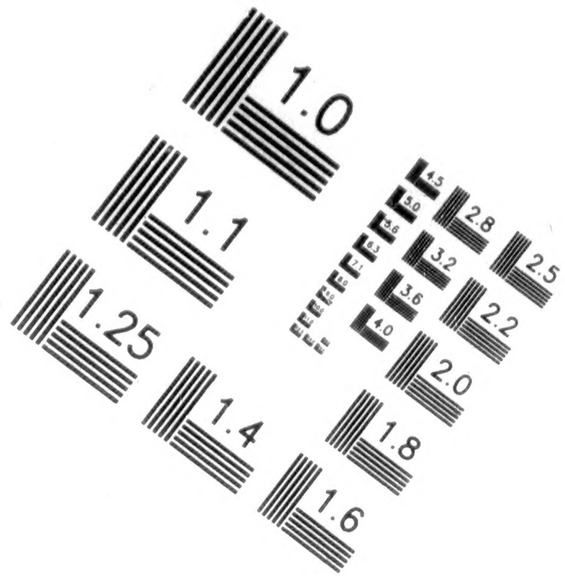
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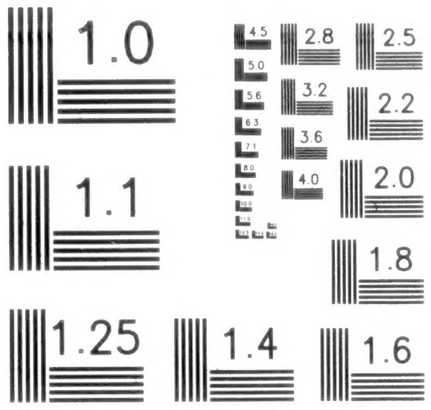
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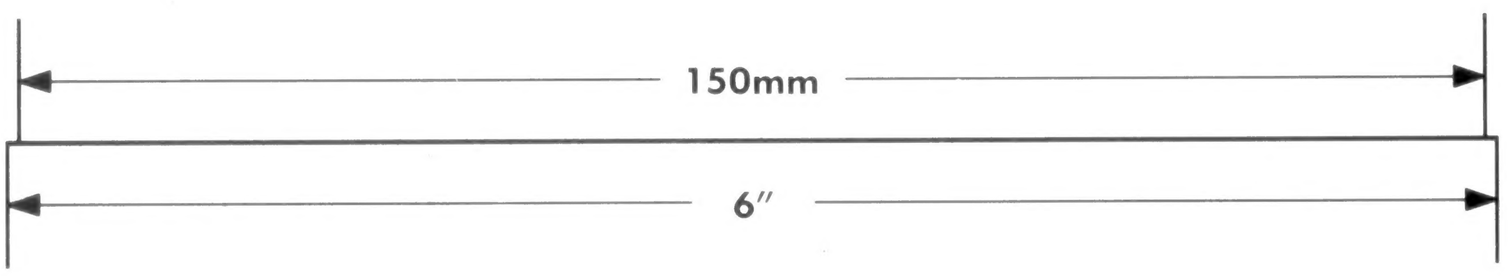
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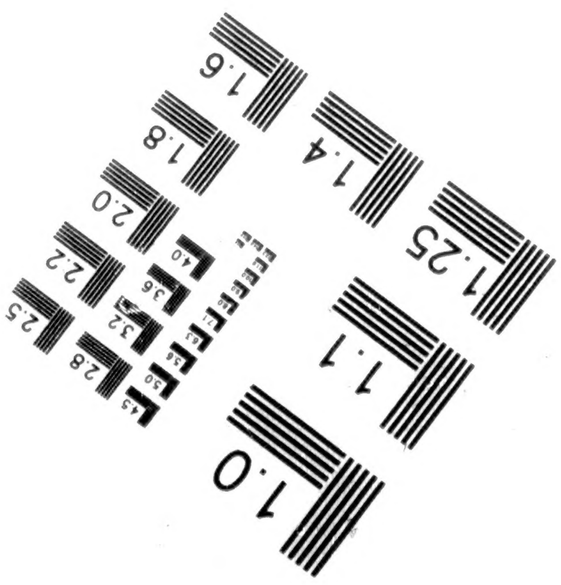
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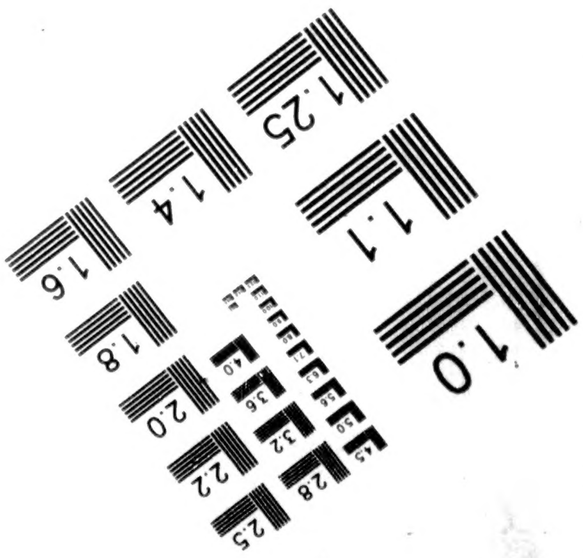






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